

# April 2024 NEWSLETTER

#### **Themes**

**Puddle Play** 

Splash your way into spring with this weather-inspired theme. Puddles, mud, storms, rain, clouds, and regrowth are among the topics covered. Investigate natural wonders as you learn about the water cycle, dig in the dirt, and study trees.

Sail Away

Ahoy! Sail the seas to learn about different bodies of water and the wildlife that lives there. Research boats, ships, and other vessels that float, and hunt for buried treasure! Engage in water play, and test items to see if they float or sink in this aquatic theme.

## **Alphabet Words**

van, vegetables, vines, violin, wagon, walrus, window, worm, ax, exit, mixer, fox

Color/Shape	Letters/ Numbers
	Vv, Ww, Xx 17, 18

#### Sign Language





#### Learn with Me!

Puddle Fun

Puddles are one of children's favorite parts of a rainy day! Create your own puddles by pouring different amounts of water onto the ground from a pitcher. Add to the fun by mixing dirt with the water to create mud. How does the texture and color of the water change? Walk through your neighborhood after it rains to jump in real-life puddles!

Treasure Hunt

Create a treasure hunt map with your child. Draw pictures to show land, water, and a treasure to find. Then, climb into a pretend boat together and "sail" around the room as you follow the map and look for the hidden treasure together.

My Project: Weather Mobile When I bring this project home, we can:

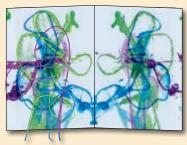
- Describe weather features showcased in the project.
- Observe the weather and talk about the weather forecast for this week.

My Project: Pulled Yarn Art

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Talk about my paint color choices.
- Make a similar project with the same art technique during a family fun night.





## **FAMILY CONNECTION**

#### **Book List**

**Singing in the Rain** by Tim Hopgood

**Watersong**by Tim McCanna

**Rainbows** by Martha E. H. Rustad

**Worm Weather** by Jean Taft

Swashby and the Sea by Beth Ferry Boat Book by Gail Gibbons

Boats on the Bay

by Jeanne Walker Harvey

**Float** 

by Daniel Miyares

# Recipe

Fruity Sea Creatures Snack

rice cakes
1 cup strawberries
1 cup grapes
2 bananas
1 cup plain Greek yogurt
blue food coloring



Cut up fruits in a variety of shapes and sizes. Use blue food coloring to give the plain yogurt a nice ocean blue hue. Invite your child to spread the yogurt over the rice cake as you do the same. Then, use the fruit pieces to create an interesting sea creature on top. Enjoy your crunchy sea snack together!

## Songs

#### **Mucky Mud**

Sung to "Jingle Bells"

Mucky mud, yucky mud, Sloppy, gloppy mud! Squishy, gooey, squashy, ooey, Slippery, drippery mud!



#### **Ocean Life**

Sung to "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

In the ocean, deep and blue, You'll find fish and lobsters too. Whales will glide, and sharks will charge, There will be shells, both small and large. In the ocean, deep and blue, So many creatures waiting for you.





Reminders	