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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:

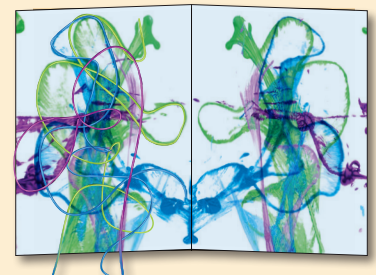
- Describe weather features showcased in the project.
- Observe the weather and talk about the weather forecast for this week.



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.



*Graphics are intended to show samples of projects.
Materials may be substituted or used differently.*

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

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.

Recipe

Fruity Sea Creatures Snack

rice cakes

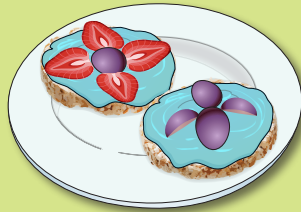
1 cup strawberries

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!

Reminders

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