

# April 2020 NEWSLETTER

#### **Themes**

Bunnies and Chicks April Showers

## **Shapes and Colors**



**Numbers** 

17, 18

Letters

Vv, Ww, Xx

## **Alphabet Words**

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

# Sign Language





# **Theme Descriptions**

**Bunnies and Chicks:** Rabbits, eggs, chicks, and activities leading up to Easter fill this theme. Many bunny facts are included, as well as plenty of hopping fun.





**April Showers:** Pull up your sleeves and prepare to be elbow deep in spring learning activities! Puddles, mud, storms, rain, clouds, and regrowth are topics covered in this theme.

#### **Activities for Home**

- Have some rubber duck fun with your child. Explore how rubber ducks behave in water. What happens to ducks when they are filled with water? How can your child make a rubber duck sink?
- Go on a yellow hunt around your kitchen. Do you have any yellow foods in the refrigerator or yellow towels in the drawer? What else is yellow?
- Take a walk outside to look for and listen to the signs of spring in your neighborhood. Can your child see trees budding, flowers blooming, or people doing yard work? Can you hear birds singing or feel the wind blow on your cheeks?
- Put on your old clothes and make mud pies together! Talk about what to mix with the dirt to turn it into mud. For a no-mess alternative, put dirt and water in a plastic resealable bag and seal with heavy tape. Squish and squeeze the bag to make a muddy mixture! Regular garden dirt will work better than potting soil!

#### **Look for Books**

The best way to learn which books your child enjoys is to read children's books—lots of them! Check out **funshineextras.com** for Book Lists corresponding to each month's themes. Get to know your local librarians and ask for their recommendations as well.

**The Big Umbrella** by Amy June Bates

All the Colors of the Rainbow

by Allan Fowler

**Rabbits (My First Pet)** by Cari Meister

Wherever You Go by Pat Zietlow Miller **Hide and Seek Fog**by Alvin Tresselt

Sonya's Chickens by Phoebe Wahl

**The Busy Tree** by Jennifer Ward

Max's Chocolate Chicken

by Rosemary Wells

# **Cooking Together**

When cooking with young children, allow them to help in a safe way with mixing, pouring, rolling, mashing, shaking, etc. Use words to describe what you are doing and what you plan to do next. Talk about what you see, smell, feel, hear, and taste.

### Springtime Strawberry Dip

8 oz. fresh or frozen strawberries 4 oz. cream cheese ¼ cup sour cream 3 T. sugar (optional)

Place strawberries in a food processor or blender and process until smooth. Add the cream cheese, sugar, and sour cream. Blend again until smooth. Serve with fresh fruit to dip, such as apples, pineapple, kiwi, or bananas!



## Sing Along With Me

Find these songs at www.funshineexpress.com

#### Will You Be a Bunny?

Sung to "The Muffin Man"

Will you be a bunny for me, Can you hop (high), can you hop (high)? Will you be a bunny for me, This bright and sunny day?

Repeat with: low, fast, slow, and on one foot.

#### My Umbrella

Sung to "The Mulberry Bush"

My umbrella pops up. (Point up.)
My umbrella folds down. (Point down.)
I keep it up when rain comes to town.
(Point up and then flutter fingers to the ground.)
I'm as dry as I can be.
(Point to head and nod head up and down.)
Thanks to my umbrella!
(Form circle over head with arms and hands.)



Reminders		

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