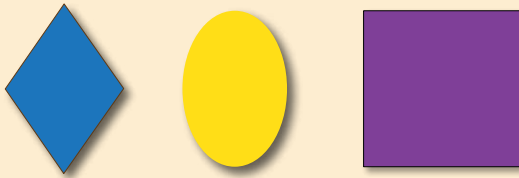


Themes

Picnic Pests
Island Getaway

Shapes and Colors



Numbers

15-20

Letters

R-Z

Alphabet Words

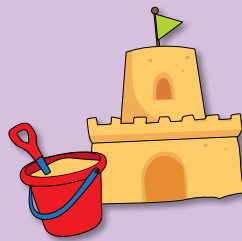
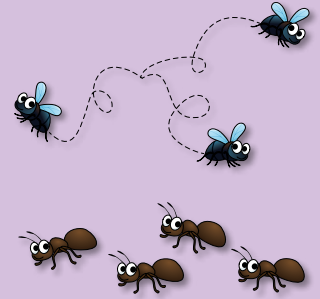
raccoon, sandwich,
tent, umpire,
visor, watermelon,
X-ray, yarn, zigzag

Sign Language



Theme Descriptions

Picnic Pests: People love picnics and so do many types of bugs and other picnic pests! This theme provides opportunities for children to plan for and enjoy a picnic. They will also learn how to avoid the pests a picnic might attract! As children prepare to head back to school, important skills will also be reviewed and practiced.



Island Getaway: Wrap up summer with an abundance of beach-related activities. The children will play in the sand and learn all about the creatures that live in it! The theme concludes with a tropical luau. Aloha!

Activities for Home

- Take a walk around the neighborhood to look for ants. When you find some, search nearby for their homes. Where might the ants live? Can you find an anthill close by?
- Establish a library routine with your child. Take the Book Lists that can be found on these newsletters as a reference. Take some favorite books from your collection or library books outside. Spread out a large blanket and read under the shade of a tree. Reading aloud together improves your child's listening and thinking skills, expands his or her vocabulary, and instills a love of reading in your child!
- Outdoor play is not only a form of exercise, but can also be a form of creative movement for your child. It fosters the development of large muscles, coordination, and balance. Provide your child with opportunities for vigorous outdoor play each day. Challenge your child's motor skills by asking how fast he can run or how far she can hop on one foot.

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.

Watermelon Day
by Kathi Appelt

Pignic
by Matt Phelan

Amanda Panda Quits Kindergarten
by Candice Ransom

Sun
by Sam Usher
Commotion in the Ocean
by Giles Andreae

Seashells by the Seashore
by Marianne Berkes

I Am Too Absolutely Small for School
by Lauren Child

The Sandcastle That Lola Built
by Megan Maynor

Sing Along with Me

Find these songs at www.funshineexpress.com

Busy Ants
Sung to "Clementine"

Ants are working, building anthills,
They are busy as can be.
They keep digging lots of tunnels.
Ants are busy as can be!



Let's Go to the Beach
Sung to "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

Let's go to the beach.
We'll play and swim and run.
Let's build some castles in the sand.
The day will be so fun!



Let's go to the beach.
We'll splash and float around.
Let's build some castles in the sand.
The day will be so fun!



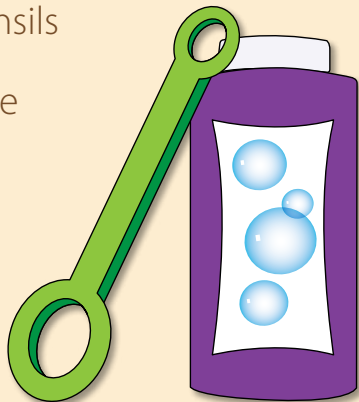
Cooking Together

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.

Bubble Solution

- ½ gallon water
- ¾ cup liquid dish detergent
- ¼ cup glycerin (for BIG bubbles!)

Mix the ingredients and let them sit for at least one day. Store the bubble solution in a sealed container. Look around your kitchen or home for fun utensils and objects you can use for bubble blowers, such as slotted spoons, plastic berry baskets, or chenille stems bent into different shapes.



Reminders...

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