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Themes

Polar Pals

Help children learn about cold climates and the creatures that live there with playful learning activities that focus on snow, ice, penguins, walruses, and much more!

Tinker Time

Explore toys, household tools, and other everyday objects to find out how they work. Let curiosity take the lead as children create, experiment with cause and effect, and learn about safety.

Hearts & Hugs

This theme is all about kindness and how we express it. Help young children develop emotional vocabulary, practice sharing, and even take on small, helpful tasks through play, songs, storytelling, and games.

Eating the Rainbow

From the tiniest pea pods to the biggest bunches of bananas, children will discover, observe, explore, and try fruits and vegetables during this theme.

Color/Shape





Sign Language



brush teeth
Position index finger of right
hand in front of mouth. Move
finger side to side to mimic
brushing teeth.



Make a fist facing up; make another fist on top, facing down. Move top fist in circles as if scrubbing.



pea
Make a hook with index
finger. Tap hooked finger on
straight index finger to
represent peas in a pod.



banana
Pretend to peel raised index finger twice.



water
Right hand W taps chin
with index finger.

Learn with Me!

Polar Moves

Have fun moving like polar animals together! Waddle like penguins, move on all fours like caribou, scurry like an Arctic fox, or move in other creative ways.

Finding the Rainbow Around You

Take your child on a trip to the grocery store. Name different fruits and vegetables in the produce aisle. Help your child notice the color of the foods.

My Project: Hearts Everywhere Collage When I bring this project home, we can:

- Name the heart shape together.
- Count the hearts together.
- Enjoy the collage as a decoration by displaying it in a special place.



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

FAMILY CONNECTION

Book List

Whose Tools? by Toni Buzzeo

Friendship Is Forever by Patricia Hegarty

Will Ladybug Hug? by Hilary Leung

Hush Little Polar Bear by Jeff Mack

Eat Your Colors by Amanda Miller

123 Count with Me by Tiger Tales

Penguin and Pinecone by Salina Yoon

Songs & Rhymes

Cobbler, Cobbler

Cobbler, cobbler, mend my shoe, Get it done by half past two. Stitch it up and stitch it down, Then I'll walk around the town. Cobbler, cobbler, mend my shoe, Get it done by half past two.

One Potato, Two Potato

One potato, two potato, Three potato, four. Five potato, six potato, Seven potato more.

One potato, two potato, Three potato, four. I like mashed potato, Can I have some more? Pleeeease?

Recipe

Triple Treat Snack Mix

1 cup toasted oat cereal ½ cup freeze-dried strawberries, chopped ½ cup freeze-dried bananas, chopped

Your child can help measure and mix the ingredients for this simple trail mix. Name the ingredients and talk about the colors as you add them to a mixing



bowl. Offer your child a large spoon or spatula so they can help stir everything together. Scoop some into a bowl for a snack. Ask your child which ingredient is their favorite.

Reminders	