



# July/Aug 2020

## NEWSLETTER

### Themes

Fun in the Sun  
Frogs and Friends  
Picnic Pests  
Island Getaway

Shapes and colors  
review

Opposites  
noisy/quiet

### Vocabulary

flag, sprinkler, frog,  
fish, ants, flies, ocean,  
seashells

### Sign Language

grass, hat, jump, bug,  
play, ball



### Together Time Activities

Here are some fun activities you and your child can enjoy together!

#### • Sidewalk Shapes

Use sidewalk chalk to draw shapes on the sidewalk or patio. Offer your child toy vehicles to roll along the lines or move in and out of the shapes.

#### • Watching Fish

Visit a shop that sells fish or another place with a fish tank. Watch the fish with your child. Talk about how they move.

#### • Plan a Picnic

Have a family picnic in your backyard, at the park, or in another spot. Older toddlers will enjoy helping you prepare and pack foods.

#### • Fun at the Beach

Bury some shells in a sandbox or a tub of sand and invite your child to dig for them. Explore the shells together.

### Nursery Rhymes

Nursery rhymes teach children auditory skills and help them develop an appreciation for rhyme and rhythm. They also help children develop language, memory, creativity, and other cognitive skills.



#### One, Two, Three, Four, Five

One, two, three, four, five,  
Once I caught a fish alive,  
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,  
Then I let it go again.

#### Shoo, Fly, Don't Bother Me

Shoo, fly, don't bother me,  
Shoo, fly, don't bother me,  
Shoo, fly, don't bother me,  
For I belong to somebody.



## Look for Books

### *Summertime*

by Jane Foster

### *Baby Loves Summer!*

by Karen Katz

### *In My Pond*

by Sara Gillingham

### *The Lost Picnic*

by B. B. Cronin

### *Beach Baby*

by Laurie Elmquist

### *It's a Seashell Day*

by Dianne Ochiltree



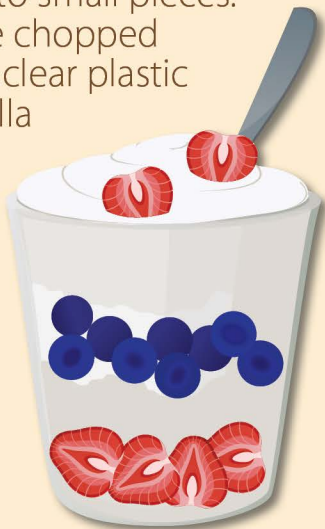
## Cooking Together

*When cooking with infants and toddlers, 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.*

### Patriotic Parfaits

blueberries  
strawberries  
vanilla yogurt

Celebrate the Fourth of July with some red, white, and blue parfaits! Wash blueberries and strawberries. Chop the strawberries into small pieces. Spoon some of the chopped strawberries into a clear plastic cup. Top with vanilla yogurt and then blueberries. Repeat layers if you wish.



## Sing Along with Me

Find these songs at [www.funshineexpress.com](http://www.funshineexpress.com)

### Little Polliwog

Sung to "Itsy Bitsy Spider"

The little polliwog wiggled from its egg,  
Dreaming of the day when it would  
Grow some legs!  
Swimming in the pond and hiding near the mud,  
Oh, the little polliwog loves to  
Munch on tasty bugs!



Now that little polliwog has grown into a frog,  
Spends all the lazy day sunning in the bog,  
Hopping to and fro, still hiding near the mud,  
Still swimming in the pond and  
Munching tasty bugs!



### 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!



## Reminders. . .

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