

Themes

Sand & Sea

Dive in and explore beaches, seashells, and creatures that live in the deep blue sea. This theme is sure to be a big splash!

Springtime Sparkles

March may bring rainy days, but all those showers make the world sparkle with the colors of spring! Wild weather changes, new growth, and springtime traditions will be explored as the children prepare to welcome spring.

Color/ Shape



Letters

Ss, Tt, Uu

Numbers

15-16

Alphabet Words

sun, star, spider, snow, tiger, taco, table, towel, unicycle, umpire, underwater, upstairs

Sign Language



Learn with Me!

Ocean Life

Visit a local aquarium, zoo, the seashore, or pet store with your child. Point out the various fish and ocean life. If you don't have these local resources, read books about the ocean or do a search for ocean life images online. Talk about the colors you see.

Signs of Spring

Read a book about spring with your child. Look carefully at the pictures. What symbols of spring are portrayed in the book—rain, flowers, birds, bugs? Talk about the springtime weather in your area. Ask, "What signs can you search for that show spring is coming? How can you tell the wind is blowing?" Point out waving flags or swaying trees. Does the air feel warm or cold?

My Project: Sandy Starfish

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Notice the texture of the starfish.
- Count the starfish arms.
- Talk about other places a star shape can be found.



My Project: Weather Wheel

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Name each kind of weather shown on the wheel.
- Talk about the weather today.
- Hang it up and use it to track the daily weather.



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

FAMILY CONNECTION

Book List

Here Comes Ocean

by Meg Fleming

Bird Builds a Nest by Martin Jenkins

I Am Spring by Rebecca McDonald

Who's Hiding at the Beach? by Katharine McEwen

Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner

Way Down in the Deep Blue Sea by Jan Peck

The Wonder of Thunder by Sharon Purtill

Today Is a Beach Day by Nancy Viau

Recipe

Green Pea Hummus

1 (15 oz.) can chickpeas
1 cup frozen peas, thawed and drained
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. garlic powder
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt
2 T. tahini
2 tsp. olive oil
3 T. lemon juice



Make a snack that matches the green color of plant growth in springtime. The green color of the hummus also makes it a fun snack for St. Patrick's Day. Add all ingredients to a blender or food processor. Blend until you have a smooth paste.

Gather an assortment of vegetables such as baby carrots, cherry tomatoes, and sliced bell peppers and enjoy alongside the hummus.

Songs & Rhymes

In the Deep Blue Sea

Sung to "The Mulberry Bush"

This is the way the (seahorse bobs), (seahorse bobs), (seahorse bobs).

This is the way the (seahorse bobs) in the deep blue sea.

Repeat with: dolphin dives
sea turtle swims
jellyfish floats

Yellow Daffodil

Yellow, yellow daffodil, dancing in the sun.
Oh yellow, yellow daffodil, you tell me spring
has come.
I can hear a bluebird sing, and hear a robin call.
But yellow, yellow daffodil, I love you most of all.

Reminders