

## Themes

### Book Nook

Encourage children's love of literature and budding vocabulary with this theme. Children will enjoy reading a variety of books, including listening to a few on audio. Help children discover their favorite stories and engage in learning inspired by beloved classics.

### Honey, Hives & Flowers

It's the height of spring and bees are buzzing and bumbling about the flowers. During this theme, children will learn all about bees – where they live, how honey is made, and pollination in simple terms.

### Hello, Summer!

Welcome summer with sensory play. Explore dirt, mud, sand, and water as you spend time outdoors. Observe insects, find and sort sticks, draw with sidewalk chalk – the possibilities are endless on warm, sunny days!

### Road Trip

From tall mountains to grassy fields to dense forests to golden shores, North America is filled with beautiful places to visit! Learn about the wonderful sights all around us in this adventurous theme.

## Color/Shape Opposites



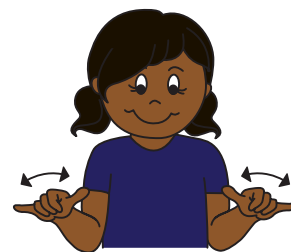
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## Sign Language



butterfly

Place palms near chest, hooking thumbs. Flutter fingers like butterfly flying.



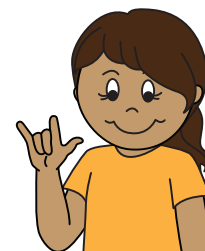
play

Both hands form a Y sign and twist back and forth from the wrist.



help

Place hand on top of palm and move both upward.



I love you

Palm facing away from you, extend your thumb, pointer, and pinky fingers.

## Learn with Me!

### Library Visit

Visit your local library with your child. Check with your library to see if any special events are planned such as read-alouds or child-centered activities. Library visits are a great way to foster positive associations with books and literacy.

### Barefoot in the Grass

Let your child walk barefoot in the grass! Find a grassy area without sticks, stones, or other obstacles. As your child explores, talk about how the grass looks, smells, and feels.

### My Project:

#### Vase of Flowers

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Count the flowers and name their colors.
- Set the arrangement in a special place.
- Notice real flowers outside the home or throughout the neighborhood.



# FAMILY CONNECTION

## Book List

*Lola at the Library*  
by Anna McQuinn

*I Went Walking*  
by Sue Williams

*Baby Botanist*  
by Dr. Laura Gehl

*Little Yellow Bee*  
by Ginger Swift

*Summertime*  
by Jane Foster

*Spot Goes to the Swimming Pool*  
by Eric Hill

*Good Morning, National Parks*  
by Jen Taylor

## Recipe

### Strawberry Cream Cheese

8 oz. cream cheese, softened  
¼ cup chopped strawberries  
1 T. pure maple syrup

Strawberries are some of the first berries of spring. Talk about the ingredients with your child, naming each one and their color. Mix the ingredients together in a food processor. What color is the cream cheese now? Enjoy the strawberry cream cheese along with crackers or toast.



## Songs & Rhymes

### A Bee Sat on My Nose

What do you suppose?  
(Hold hands out as if asking a question.)

A bee sat on my nose!  
(Point to nose.)

Then what do you think?  
(Hold hands out as if asking a question.)

He gave me a wink!  
(Wink.)

And said, "I beg your pardon,  
(Touch cheeks in surprise.)

I thought you were the garden."  
(Buzz finger around like bee.)

### Lemonade

Lemonade  
(Clap three times.)

Cold as ice  
(Clap three times.)

Sip it once  
(Clap three times.)

Sip it twice  
(Clap three times.)

Lemonade  
(Clap three times.)

Cold as ice  
(Clap three times.)

Made it once  
(Clap three times.)

Made it twice  
(Clap three times.)

Turn around  
(Turn around.)

Touch the ground  
(Touch the ground.)

Enjoy the sun  
(Clap three times.)

Run around!  
(Run around the space.)

## Reminders

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