

Themes

Song & Dance

Infants and toddlers love music! Even very young infants respond to music in their own ways. Children will clap, bounce, stomp, jump, and dance to different kinds of music. They will also make their own music by playing simple instruments and with household items.

Fun on the Farm

Life on the farm is filled with adventure! In this theme, children will investigate all aspects of farm life, including animals, barns, harvesting crops, farming jobs, and equipment.

All Aboard!

Choo choo! Climb aboard to learn all about trains. Children will explore different types of trains, pretend play at the train station, play with toy trains, make railroad tracks, and more.

Making Memories

Capture this special time of year by making joyous memories! Children will dance, sing, and play games to celebrate the season and your time together.

Color/Shape



Sign Language



milk

Right hand squeezes as if milking a cow.



more

Bring fingertips together a few times.



all done

Turn palms upward and then outward.



shoes

Make both hands into fists; tap fists together.



hat

Pat top of head twice.

Learn with Me!

Family Memories

Sit with your child and look at family photos together. You may include photos of holiday gatherings or just everyday events. Talk about the people in the pictures and what is happening.

Imaginary Train Ride

Help your child line up chairs or large boxes to make a train. You, your child, and assorted stuffed animals or other toys can board the train and pretend to ride. Talk about where you go and what you see.

My Project: Dance Prop

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Take turns moving and shaking the prop.
- Name the colors of the ribbons and paint.
- Play music and use the prop while dancing.



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

FAMILY CONNECTION

Book List

Train!

by Judi Abbot

Dinosaur Dance!

by Sandra Boynton

You Are My Happy

by Hoda Kotb

Animal Families: Farm

by Jane Ormes

Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter

by Kenard Pak

The Very Berry Counting Book

by Jerry Pallotta

We are Music

by Brandon Stosuy

Songs & Rhymes

Little Bo Peep

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep,
And can't tell where to find them.
Leave them alone, and they'll come home
Wagging their tails behind them.

Down by the Station

Down by the station early in the morning,
See the little pufferbellies all in a row.
See the engine driver pull the little handle,
Puff, puff! Toot, toot!
Off we go.

Recipe

Maple Cinnamon Squash

butternut OR acorn squash

pure maple syrup

cinnamon

salt



Pre-heat your oven to

400° F. Line a baking

sheet pan with tinfoil.

Bring out the squash.

Cut in half lengthwise

and point out the seeds. Invite your

child to touch the squash and the

seeds. Remove the seeds.

Slice the squash into slices and have your child help place them onto the sheet pan. Pour some maple syrup into a bowl, offer your child a pastry brush and encourage them to brush both sides of the squash slices with syrup. Sprinkle with cinnamon, and then roast in the oven for approximately 20 minutes or until fork tender, flipping slices over half ways through. Allow to cool slightly before enjoying as a snack or side dish to a meal.

Reminders

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