

Themes

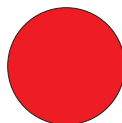
My Friends & Me

Celebrate friendship in this beginning-of-the-school-year theme. Children will learn about what it means to be a good friend, to share, cooperate, and more. Activities will reinforce getting to know each other and teamwork.

Forest Adventure

What better place to appreciate autumn than in the forest! Children will learn about forest life, including the plants that grow there and the animals that make it their home. This theme emphasizes forest appreciation and conservation.

Color/ Shape



Letters

Aa, Bc, Cc

Numbers

1-3

Alphabet Words

acorn, apple, astronaut, animals, ball, bus, balloon, buttons, car, corn, caterpillar, castle

Sign Language



Learn with Me!

Classroom Community

Invite your child to tell you about moments with friends from their day. Did they take turns with friends at school, perhaps building with blocks, assembling a puzzle, or using outdoor play equipment? Who sat near them during snack or lunch time? Your child will appreciate your interest.

Nature in My Neighborhood

Take a walk together in your neighborhood, or to a nearby park or playground. What kinds of plants or trees does your child notice along the way? Talk about the recent weather, and look for signs of autumn around you.

My Project: Pop-Up I Love You Card

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Make the greeting pop up together.
- Talk about the different materials that were used to make the card.
- Read the message.



My Project: Fall Leaf Print

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Find a place to display the print.
- Talk about how I made the leaf shape with crayons.
- Look for leaves changing color on the trees around our home.



FAMILY CONNECTION

Book List

My Best Friend

by Julie Fogliano

Our Class Is a Family
by Shannon Olsen

Preschool, Here I Come!
by D.J. Steinberg

André Goes to School
by Mikaela Wilson

Way Up High in a Tall Green Tree

by Jan Peck

Hello Autumn!
by Shelley Rotner

Because of an Acorn
by Lola M. Schaefer

About Habitats: Forests

by Cathryn Sill

Songs & Rhymes

Stay and Play

Sung to “The Muffin Man”

Will you stay and play with me,
Play with me, play with me?
Will you stay and play with me
At (our school) today?

Repeat with: the park
my house

Fuzzy Wuzzy

Traditional

Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear.
Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair.
So Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy,
Was he?

Recipe

Autumn Trail Mix

Gather ingredients to make trail mix with your child. Pumpkin and/or sunflower seeds, dried fruits, and small pretzels or crackers are some suggestions.

Invite your child to help add portions of the ingredients to a large bowl. Note the different colors and textures as they are added. Mix everything together well, and then scoop some into a cup or bag.



If the weather allows, take your child outside to enjoy the snack. Do they have a favorite ingredient in the mix?

Store the remaining mixture in an air-tight container.

Reminders

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