



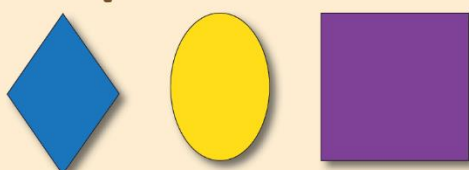
August Curriculum Chronicle

Pre-Preschool, Early Learners 1&2, Preschool 1&2

Themes

Playground Palooza
Cookout Lookout

Shapes and Colors



Numbers

15-20

Letters

R-Z

Alphabet Words

raccoon, saw,
toad, umbrella,
vest, worm, x-ray,
yak, zinnia

Character Card

I am playful.



Activities for Home

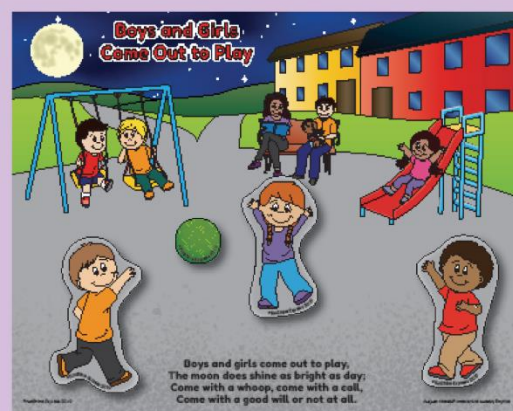
- Celebrate summer by spending some barefoot time with your child. Walk through the grass with bare feet. Soak your feet in warm, soapy water. Compare your child's bare feet with your own. Whose are bigger? Whose are softer? Can you both curl your toes?
- Reinforce numbers. Count clouds, birds, flower blossoms, trees, cars, etc., with your child as you spend time outdoors together.
- Visit with your child about your family's summer eating traditions. Does your family eat outdoors more during the summer months? What summer foods do the members of your family enjoy? Plan a family picnic and allow your child to help plan what food and other items will be needed.
- With summer coming to an end, try to spend some extra time outdoors with your child. Visit a local park, eat a snack under a shade tree, or take a walk around the neighborhood. Take along a bottle of bubbles and have fun blowing and popping bubbles together! Try out the "Summer Bubble Solution" on the other side of this newsletter.

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.

Boys and Girls Come Out to Play

Boys and girls come out to play,
The moon does shine as bright as day;
Come with a whoop,
come with a call,
Come with a good will or not at all.



Look for Books

The best way to learn which books your child enjoys is to read children's books—lots of them! Check out **funshineextras.com** for Book Lists corresponding to each month's themes. Get to know your local librarians and ask for their recommendations as well.

Manners on the Playground

by Carrie Finn

Ruby Learns to Swim

by Phillip Gwynne

Sally Goes to the Beach

by Stephen Huneck

Summer Days and Nights

by Wong Herbert Yee

Two Bad Ants

by Chris Van Allsburg

Marshmallow Kisses

by Linda Crotta Brennan

We're Going on a Picnic!

by Pat Hutchins

The Watermelon Seed

by Greg Pizzoli

Cooking Together

When cooking with young children, 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.

Summer Bubble Solution

2 quarts of water
3/4 cups of Joy liquid dish soap
1/4 cup of glycerin (for BIG bubbles!)

Mix ingredients together and let set for at least one day. Store in a sealed container. Clean fly swatters work well as bubble makers. They are easy to manipulate and make MANY bubbles at once! Provide a shallow container, such as a pie pan, with a small amount of bubble solution. Show your child how to hold the fly swatter, dip it in the bubble solution, and move it back and forth quickly.



Sing Along with Me

Find these songs at www.funshineexpress.com

The Playground

Sung to "I've Been Working on the Railroad"

I've been playing at the playground
Every summer day.

I've been playing at the playground,
Just to pass the days away.

I love to ride the teeter-totter

And climb the ladders high.

I love to slide down all the big slides

And swing high in the sky!



My Burger

Sung to "Pop! Goes the Weasel"

I spice the meat and stir it around.

I form it with my hands.

I set it aside for Daddy to grill.

Look, it's a burger!

I place my burger in a bun.

I squirt on lots of ketchup.

I dropped it and my dog ate it up.

Look, it's a goner!

Lettuce, mustard, maybe cheese,

Or even a tomato.

Open wide and take a bite.

Look, half a burger!



- 1** Curriculum Fee's Due
- 9** In-Service Day (Closed)
- 12** First Day of School
- 14** Meet the Teacher
- 30** Parents Night Out

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BACK
to
School