

	Monday, July 6 th	Tuesday, July 7 th	Wednesday, July 8 th	Thursday, July 9 th	Friday, July 10 th
Literacy	<p>My Story Create a story about a time your family did something outside together. Discuss story elements. Practice telling the events in order. Where were you? (setting) Who was there? (characters) What did you do? (events)</p>	<p>We're Going on Picnic Make a list of all the things you would like to have on a picnic – how many things can you think of that start with the letter P? Talk about a plan for preparing for a picnic. What needs to be done first, next, last?</p>	<p>Picnic Syllables Using the words from your picnic list yesterday, clap, stomp, tap or pat your knees to determine how many syllables are in each word. (examples: popcorn – 2, Strawberries – 3, pie – 1)</p>	<p>How to... Grab the PBJ ingredients and work with your child to list/dictate the order of events needed to successfully make a PBJ sandwich. Make the sandwich as you talk through the steps. Yum!</p>	<p>Nonsense Story Create a story with your child by taking turns adding one line and see where the story goes. <i>Mom: Once upon a time there was a little girl. Child: She was fighting with her brother. Mom: Suddenly they heard a big noise and went to the window...Child: _____.</i></p>
Math & Science	<p>Clouds in the Sky Observe the clouds in the sky. Look for different figures. Talk about cloud sizes and colors. Ask questions such as, "Are they moving? What does it look like to you?" Read It Looked Like Spilt Milk.</p>	<p>Leaf Collection Go outside and collect different kinds of leaves. Put them in order by height. Challenge: Use nonstandard units of measurement such as, paperclips, pennies, beads, to measure the height of the leaves.</p>	<p>Nest Observation Look for bird nests. Observe and talk about the purpose of the nests, how nests are built and what materials they might be built with. If able, read "A Nest is Noisy" or "Mama Built a Little Nest,"</p>	<p>Measuring with footsteps Use footsteps to measure the length of a rug or a hallway. Now try measuring how many footsteps it takes to get to various places in your house. Discuss and compare.</p>	<p>Insect Investigations Go on a nature walk and look for insects. Observe and describe them. Read In the Tall, Tall Grass and discuss what the caterpillar sees on his walk through the grass.</p>
Music	<p>Cosmic Kids Yoga – Coco the Butterfly (15 min) Zap It!</p>	<p>The Ants Go Marching Move with Me Purple Stew</p>	<p>Clap it Out Wiggle it Get up to Get down</p>	<p>Simon Says Happy Dance Over in the Meadow</p>	<p>Bugs and Crawly Things Let's Move Insect Song</p>
Motor Skills	<p>Homemade Haircut Using child-safe scissors, work with your child outside to give the grass a cut! Remember to practice correct use and handling of the scissors.</p>	<p>Ants on a Log Ants sure love a picnic! Try making "ants on a log" with your child and allow them to do it themselves. Try cream cheese or peanut butter in celery and raisins on top for a tasty treat!</p>	<p>Outdoor Expedition Use 2 toilet paper rolls or 1 paper towel tube (cut in half) and make a pair of binoculars by taping them together side by side. Go outside on an expedition and draw/label what you see in your backyard through your binoculars.</p>	<p>Musical Statues Play the music and stop it every now and again. You and your child must both freeze as soon as the music stops. You will see the difference over time as your child refines his/her listening skills.</p>	<p>Make MUDPIE! Play outside in the mud with utensils & various size containers. See which containers hold the most, which are the heaviest, which utensils fill the containers best, take longer to fill, etc.</p>
Social & Emotional	<p>Let's Make a Deal (help kids learn to compromise) Use the tune of "This Old Man" to sing these lines: "You want this. I want that. How can we <i>both</i> get what we want?" Then brainstorm solutions and choose the best idea.</p>	<p>Perspective Taking While reading any book, spend time talking about how some of the characters might think and feel. Use this time to highlight that this is perspective-taking, a skill we use to understand others' emotions and thoughts.</p>	<p>Promote Kindness A great way to do this is with Random Acts of Kindness. Brainstorm with your child, ways that you could surprise a neighbor or family member. Maybe throw a neighbor's paper on his steps or draw a picture for an elderly friend.</p>	<p>Emotion Charades Draw emotion faces on index cards. When a card is drawn, the person must act out something that matches the emotion on the card. The other players guess the emotion.</p>	<p>Odd One Out (develops active listening) Say a string of words that are part of a theme or category. Insert one word into the set that does not belong and ask your child to identify the word that does not belong.</p>