

Summer Activities for Thursday

On the Move

Paper Plate Ring Toss

A good, old fashioned backyard ring toss is not only fun but a great way to get your body moving! (An outdoor activity)

Materials:

- Paper plates
- Rulers
- Crayons & markers (if desired)

Instructions:

1. Cut out the center of the paper plates (these will be your rings). Feel free to decorate your rings and get creative with your child.
2. Stick rulers into the ground in a grassy area.
3. Have your child attempt to throw and land their rings on the rulers.

Adventures Online

Live Cams at The Bronx Zoo

Watch the live cams as animals explore their habitats. Join feeding time throughout the day and ask your child open-ended questions about the things they see on the live cams.

<https://bronxzoo.com/virtual-zoo/live-cams>

Sensory Time

Watermelon Moon Sand

Nothing says summer like the refreshing scent of watermelon.

Materials:

- 4 cups of play sand (You can use traditional, red or moon sand.)
- 2 cups of corn starch
- ½-1 cup of water
- 1 watermelon Kool-Aid packet
- Sensory bin or large bowl
- Large spoon

Instructions:

1. Place the sand, Kool-Aid powder, and corn starch in a sensory bin or large bowl.
2. Mix the ingredients together with a large spoon.
3. Slowly add the water a little at a time and mix.
4. Slowly add more water until the desired consistency is reached. (The moon sand should be mold-able, crumbly, and slightly moist but not too wet.)
5. If you accidentally add too much water, add more of the dry ingredients
6. Talk to your child about how the smell of watermelon mixed in the sand.

Story Time

Beach Time, Beach Time, What Do You See?

Create a summer time beach story about what do they see at the beach. Gather paper and crayons/markers and use the story, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See*, as an example to guide your story.

Guiding Prompts:

Beach Time, Beach Time, What Do You See

- I see a sandcastle looking at me
- I see a beach umbrella looking at me
- I see waves looking at me
- I see sea shells looking at me
- I see a lifeguard looking at me
- I see seagulls looking at me
- I see my family looking at me

You and your child can include additional beach items to your story.

Arts and Creativity

Finger Play Songs

Enjoy these two finger play songs with your child.

Five Green & Speckled Frogs

(Hold up five fingers)

Five Green and Speckled Frogs sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious bugs. YUM YUM!

(Put one finger down)

One jumped into the pool where it was nice and cool
Then there were four green and speckled frogs.

Continue to sing the song putting one finger down as each frog jumps into the pool

My Baby Bumblebee

(Cup hands together as if holding bee)

I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee,
Won't my mommy be so proud of me,
I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee,
Ouch! It stung me!

(Shake hands as if just stung)

('Squish' bee between palms of hands)

I'm squishing up the baby bumblebee,
Won't my mommy be so proud of me,
I'm squishing up a baby bumblebee,
Ooh! It's yucky!

(Open up hands to look at 'mess')

(Wipe hands off on shirt)

I'm wiping off the baby bumblebee,
Won't my mommy be so proud of me,
I'm wiping off the baby bumblebee,
All Clean!!
(Hold hands up to show they are clean & smile)