

Springtime Activities for Wednesday

On the Move

Plastic Bag Kites:

Construct a kite using a recycled plastic grocery store bag and string. Tie string to each handle on the plastic bag and secure the ends of both strings by tying them together. Feel free to add decorations to your kite like ribbon. Have your toddler run as fast as they can to catch the breeze.

Adventures Online

Spring is Here!

Enjoy this "Spring is Here" song and follow the dance steps with The Learning Station

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DobrRgD5aOU>

It's important to be silly, relax and have fun, which helps your child enjoy learning as he/she learns in a relaxed environment.

Sensory Time

Feel and find Sensory box:

Materials

- A cardboard box (a tissue box or shoe box works well)
- Assortment of items to put into the box

Instructions:

1. Cut 2 holes in the box, one on each end.
2. Place small objects that your child can feel and try to identify in one hole of the box.
3. Have your child place their hand in the other hole.
4. Ask them to try to tell you what it is.
5. Give hints if they are having difficulty.

Story Time

Sock Puppet Friend:

Create a sock Puppet to use during Story Time.

Materials:

- Used Sock
- Marker

Draw a face on the sock and use it as a puppet during story time. It can read the book to your toddler, or they can use the sock puppet and read the book themselves. You can ask the puppet questions and also ask your toddler questions about the story. Keep it simple and have fun. Use silly voices and a variety of emotions.

Sock Puppet Ideas

<https://www.learning4kids.net/2011/09/26/sock-puppets/>

Learning Opportunities: Language development, Storytelling and imaginative play, Great for self-esteem – a sense of achievement and pride, Creative thinking and concentration skills, Motor coordination development.

Arts and Creativity

Egg Shakers:

You can fill plastic eggs with different materials and make musical egg shakers!

Materials:

- Plastic eggs (or two small plastic cups)
- Duct tape or packing tape
- Rice, Beans, Corn kernels, Dry Pasta, small rocks, acorns, sand ***

Instructions:

1. Fill the one half of the plastic egg with a dried food material.
2. Close the egg and seal with the duct tape or packing tape.

Shake the egg shakers with your child. Play music and shake them to the beat. Use different materials to fill your eggs and experiment with different sounds. Talk about how they sound different and describe the sound.

***Please be aware that small items such as these can be a choking hazard.