

# **August Newsletter**





## **This Month's Themes**

Where We Walk: This theme provides opportunities for the children to focus on the ground beneath their feet. Different types of flooring, carpets, as well as outdoor surfaces – mud, sand, grass, pebbles, and more – will be explored. The children will have the chance to remove their socks and shoes and really dig into this theme!

**Bubbles Everywhere:** Bubbles in the sensory table, bubbles in the air, bubbles in the art area... bubbles everywhere! The children will have some good, clean fun while exploring bubbles. Prepare for lots of giggling and hidden science opportunities! The theme will also touch on heading back to school.



## **Activities for Home**

- •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!
- Splish, splash! It's time for a bath! Partially fill a wading pool with water and let it warm in the sun. Add scented bubble bath to the pool. Agitate the water to create lots of bubbles. Add washcloths and bath toys and invite your child to spend time playing in this outdoor bubble bath! Be sure to supervise children around water at all times.
- Play some grassy games outdoors. Toss, catch, and roll a ball through the grass with your child, play Frisbee, or roll down a grassy hill together! Don't forget to walk barefoot through a patch of soft, thick grass. Talk about how the grass feels.

## **Help Me Review!**

In the summer months, we review all the letters of the alphabet, numbers 1-20, colors, and shapes. Read alphabet and number books to your child to reinforce this review. Practice counting items around the house and sing "The Alphabet Song" with your child as you go about your day. Name colors and shapes as you see them outdoors while enjoying summertime activities.

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.

**Bubbles**, **Bubbles** 

by Kathi Appelt

**Clifford Counts Bubbles** 

by Norman Bridwell

**Bubble Trouble** 

by Joy N. Hulme

Over in the Meadow

by Ezra Jack Keats

Grasses

by June Loves

A Fawn in the Grass

by Joanne Ryder

## **Nursery Rhymes**



## Round and Round the Garden

Round and round the garden Like a teddy bear. One step, two step, Tickle you under there!



# Sing Along with Me!

Find these songs on our 2016–2017 *Music and Movement* CD available at **funshineexpress.com**.

#### In the Cool Green Grass

Sung to "Ring Around the Rosie"

Snakes live in the grass, They wiggle and they squiggle. Slithering, sliding through The cool, green grass.

Crickets live in the grass, They cheep and they chirp. Hopping, crawling through The cool, green grass.

Ants live under the grass, They hurry and they scurry. Crawling, creeping through The cool, green grass.

#### **Rainbow Bubbles**

Sung to "Up on the Housetop"

First came a bubble passing by, Shining a rainbow in my eye! Then came another and many more, Until they filled the bright blue sky!

Bubbles shine, all around! Bubbles float, up and down! All from the bubble passing by, Shining a rainbow in my eye!

## Reminders...

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#### **Green Grass Goodies**

**Ingredients:** crackers

cream cheese, softened

alfalfa sprouts gummy worm

Invite your child to help you make green grassy treats. Give your child several crackers. Offer her a plastic knife and have her spread softened cream cheese on the crackers. Top each cracker with alfalfa sprouts as grass and add a aummy worm or bua.

gummy worm or bug. Serve a green juice drink to accompany the grassy treats. (Add green food coloring to apple juice!)



## **My Spanish Words**

feet



pies

shoes



zapatos

backpack



mochila

**bubbles** 



burbujas