

Themes

Vacation Bound

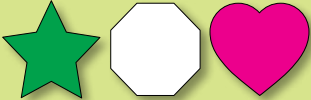
Summer is the perfect time to get away for a relaxing vacation. Travel by car, plane, boat, train, or imagination and explore some of the fun things to do and places to visit on a vacation.

Colors and Shapes

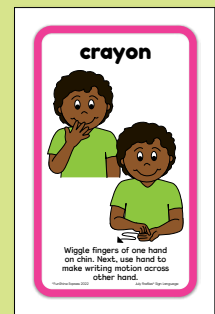
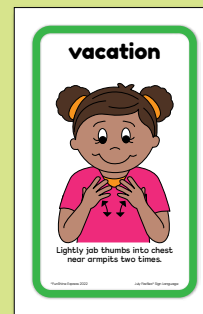
Colors and shapes are everywhere! This theme focuses on how colors and shapes work together to make up the world around us. Children will learn about symmetry and practice measuring and sorting.

Alphabet Words

inchworm, jewels, kettle, limes, mustard, newt, oars, paw, quilt

Color/Shape	Letters/ Numbers
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Sign Language



Watch Me Learn!

Help your child review shapes by creating a shape collage. Start by gathering old magazines or newspapers and searching for shapes! Once you and your child have found several shapes, cut them out and attach them to the space below (or create a collage on a separate sheet of paper). Count the total number of shapes you found together.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Activities

• Family Trip

Take part in or observe a variety of summer activities such as boating, fishing, biking, camping, or playing in the sprinkler. Take along healthy snacks to provide more enduring energy on your family outing. A good way to generate enthusiasm for healthy snacks is to let children prepare them on their own. Make the "Healthy Trail Mix" recipe included below or use a recipe of your own.

• Observation Skills

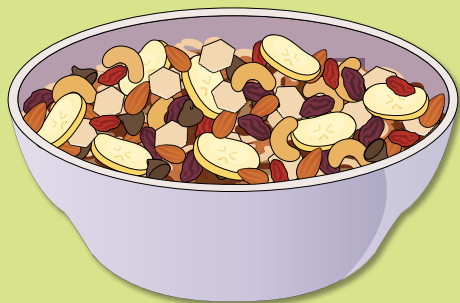
To develop observation skills, look around your house with your child for different colored items. How many red objects can you find in each room? How many green items can you find outdoors? Continue to further enhance observation skills by searching for shapes. How many circle items can you find? How many square items? Ask your child to name a shape and then search together to find items of that shape.

Recipe

Healthy Trail Mix

cashews
almonds
banana chips
dried cranberries OR raisins
semisweet chocolate chips
oyster crackers

In a large bowl, mix together enough of the ingredients so that you have about one cup of trail mix for each person in your family. Place a plastic scoop or cup in the bowl. Invite your child to place a scoop of trail mix into a small plastic zipper bag for each family member.



Songs

We're Going on a Trip

Sung to "The Farmer in the Dell"

We're going on a trip.
We're going on a trip.
(We'll pack a bag) and off we go!
We're going on a trip.

Repeat with:
We'll wave goodbye...
We'll buckle up...

We'll buckle up and off we go!
We're going on a trip.



Color Dreams

Sung to "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Now it's time to sleep and dream;
Dream of colors you have seen.
Dream of apples red to crunch.
Dream of green grass rabbits munch.
Dream of white clouds up above.
Dream of pink hearts that show love.

Now it's time to sleep and dream;
Dream of colors you have seen.
Dream of purple grapes so sweet.
Dream of bluebirds that go tweet.
Dream of brown dirt on the ground.
Dream of oranges oh so round.

Now it's time to sleep and dream;
Dream of colors you have seen.
Dream of yellow flowers bright.
And the sky that's black at night.
Now it's time to sleep and dream;
Dream of colors you have seen.



Book List

The Berenstain Bears and Too Much Vacation

by Stan & Jan Berenstain

Carl's Summer Vacation

by Alexandra Day

Ty's Travels: Beach Day!

by Kelly Starling Lyons

The Night Before the Fourth of July

by Natasha Wing

My Color Is Rainbow

by Agnes Hsu

Square Cat

by Elizabeth Schoonmaker

The Kindness Quilt

by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

Mouse Paint

by Ellen Stoll Walsh