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NEWSLETTER

Themes

Marvelous Meadows

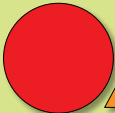


A meadow is a habitat filled with hidden wonders. Frogs, snakes, and butterflies are just a few of the creatures covered in this theme. Ponds and streams are important topics too. Set up outdoor learning stations for added fun!

To Market, To Market

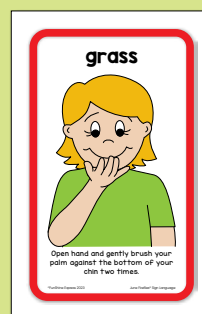
Gather children for a trip to the farmers market or local store, where they will learn about all kinds of interesting things to buy! The children will pretend to choose products to purchase, pay for them, and learn manners for the checkout lane. This theme emphasizes the role farms play in the production of many of the things we enjoy.

Alphabet Words

apron, bag, caterpillar, daisy, elephant, fingers, garden, hippo

Colors/Shapes	Letters/ Numbers
  	Aa-Hh 1-8

Sign Language



Learn with Me!

• Sensory Walk

Engage in a sensory activity with your child. Plan a walk in your neighborhood or nearby park. As you walk, talk with your child about things you see, hear, and smell. What do you touch during the walk (e.g., a crosswalk button or tree bark)? Do you pack a snack or buy a treat to taste? Use descriptive language when talking about items (e.g., the birds are singing loudly, the bakery smells sweet, etc.). Notice what attracts your child's attention.

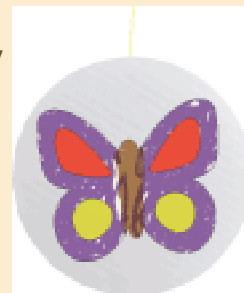
• Yarn Snakes

Use yarn and scissors to make simple snakes with your child. Encourage your child to cut the yarn into different sizes. Make up a story about the snakes or sing a song while moving the snakes around. This easy activity is great for developing hand muscles and language skills.

My Project: Caterpillar to Butterfly

When I bring this project home, we can:

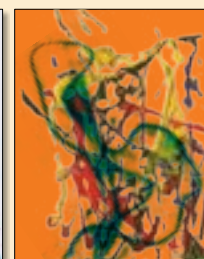
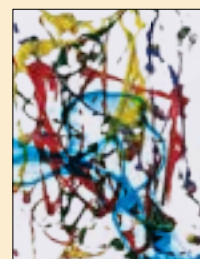
- Talk about how a caterpillar changes into a butterfly.
- Pretend to be butterflies.
- Read a story about butterflies.



My Project: Yarn Dabbing

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Display the project in a special area.
- Practice the painting technique using other types of string.
- Compare how the paint looks on both papers.



*Graphics are intended to show samples of projects.
Materials may be substituted or used differently.*

FAMILY CONNECTION

Book List

Wildflower

by Melanie Brown

Waiting for Wings

by Lois Ehlert

Pond Circle

by Betsy Franco

Over in the Meadow

by Olive A. Wadsworth

Chaiwala!

by Priti Birla Maheshwari

At the Supermarket

by Anne Rockwell

Anywhere Farm

by Phyllis Root

Sorting at the Market

by Tracey Steffora

Songs

In the Meadow

Sung to "Ring Around the Rosie"

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

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

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



Recipe

Colorful Skewers

assorted fresh fruits
marshmallows
yogurt OR peanut butter (optional)
straws

Cut assorted colors of fresh fruit, such as pineapples, oranges, grapes, blueberries, strawberries, and bananas into bite sizes. Insert one fruit at a time through the straw, alternating colors. Top each skewer with a marshmallow. Enjoy the colorful skewers dipped in yogurt, peanut butter, or plain.



I Am Hungry

Sung to "Are You Sleeping"

I am hungry, I am hungry,
I sure am, I sure am.
I will make a snack,
I will make a snack.
A strawberry jam sandwich,
A strawberry jam sandwich.

Repeat the song, naming additional options for a snack.

Reminders
