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NEWSLETTER

Themes

Baby Animals

Snuggle up and learn about baby animals. This theme will introduce children to a range of animals and habitats. Concepts such as sharing, caring, and feelings will be covered.

I'm Growing!

From household chores to jobs, little ones are fascinated by the activities of grown-ups! Children grow so fast at this age, and each milestone is a step toward independence. Celebrate achievements and focus on what's next for each child's development. This theme helps them discover why it's great to be getting bigger.

Marvelous Meadows

Insects, frogs, and deer are just a few of the fascinating creatures that call the meadow home. During this theme, children will discover and learn about meadow creatures. They will investigate, pretend, and sing and dance, all while playing in the grass.

To Market, To Market

Grab your wallet and head out to buy food at the farmers market or the corner store. Children will enjoy pretending to shop for fresh summer produce, making veggie soup, and more.

Vocabulary

Tiger and Cubs, Fox and Kit, Growing, Vacuuming, Meadow, Frog Life Cycle, Farm Stand, Making Soup

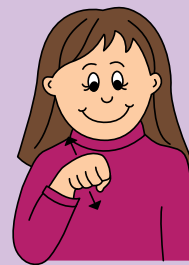
Colors/Shapes



Opposites

big/little

Sign Language



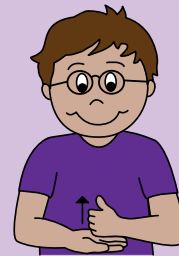
yes

Make letter S. Raise and lower fist as if nodding "yes."



color

Take your fingers to your chin and wiggle them in place.



help

Place hand on top of palm and move both upwards.

Learn with Me!

• Rock Picking

Grab tongs, large spoons, and a pail for an outdoor exploration. Are there rocks around? Invite your child to use tongs or spoons to pick them up and add them to the pail. This exercise is great for building hand muscles! Count the total number of rocks found and talk about their features.

• Green Jumps

Place a large sheet of paper on the floor. Paint your child's feet green. Invite him to jump like a frog around the paper creating fun footprints! If your child doesn't like the texture of paint on his feet, stamp toy animals in the paint and jump those around on the paper.

My Project: Little and Big

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Review the opposites *little* and *big*.
- Pretend play with the puppet bag.
- Look at pictures of how I've grown!



Graphic is intended to show sample of project. Materials may be substituted or used differently.

FAMILY CONNECTION

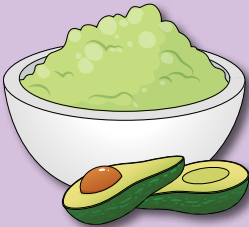
Book List

- A Number of Animals*
by Kate Green
- Growing Vegetable Soup*
by Lois Ehlert
- I Sleep in a Big Bed*
by Maria van Lieshout
- Hush, Little Puppy*
by April Pulley Sayre
- Over in the Meadow*
by Jane Cabrera
- Ten Little Caterpillars*
by Bill Martin Jr.

Recipe

- Avocado Dip**
- 1 ripe avocado
 - 3 tablespoons Greek yogurt OR olive oil
 - 1 T. lemon OR lime juice
 - ½ tsp. minced garlic

Slice open the avocado and remove the pit. Spoon the avocado flesh into a food processor. Add the remaining ingredients and process until smooth. Use as a dip for veggies, fries, or crackers.



Songs

Grassy Meadow
Sung to “The Wheels on the Bus”
A meadow is a grassy place,
Grassy place, grassy place.
A meadow is a grassy place
Where many creatures live.



Rainbow on My Plate
Sung to “Pop! Goes the Weasel”
On my plate I like to see
The colors of the rainbow.
Orange carrots, purple grapes,
Corn that is yellow.
Blueberries are good for me,
And I like red tomatoes.
Let’s have broccoli that’s green
And white potatoes.



Repeat all.
Blueberries are good for me,
And I like red tomatoes.
Let’s have broccoli that’s green
And white potatoes.



Reminders