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NEWSLETTER

Themes

Making Music


The children will learn about musical instruments, rhythm, and sound. They will explore how to make music by clapping and snapping and making instruments out of everyday, household items.

I'm Thankful

Children will learn about ways to express thanks, show age-appropriate manners, and engage in simple acts of kindness.

Alphabet Words

garlic, gerbil, goggles, goose, hammock, handle, helicopter, horse, icicles, inchworm, infant, insects

Color/ Shape	Letters/ Numbers
	Gg, Hh, Ii 7, 8

Sign Language



Watch Me Learn!

Review the color brown and the rectangle shape with your child. Use different types of painting or coloring tools to color the rectangles shades of brown. Invite your child to notice how each tool makes different marks. Finish the activity by counting the number of rectangles together. Return this sheet to your child care provider so that your child can share it with the group.

Return by _____.



FAMILY CONNECTION

Activities

• Make Music

Provide materials for your child to make simple musical instruments. A drum can be made using an empty oatmeal carton or coffee can. Your child can personalize the instrument by decorating the outside of the container with paper, crayons, and markers. Make a kazoo by attaching a small piece of wax paper to the end of a cardboard tube with a rubber band. Poke a small hole in the wax paper and your child will be ready to toot away! Compare the sounds produced by the different instruments to develop auditory discrimination skills.

• Being Thankful

Visit with your child about what you are thankful for. To foster thankfulness in your child, ask her what makes her happy, teach her to say "thank you" in appropriate situations, read books about thankfulness, and model gratitude in your words and actions. Be patient! Thankfulness is a virtue that requires practice year round.

Recipe

Turkey Tacos

- 1 lb. chopped leftover turkey
- 1 pkg. taco seasoning
- soft corn or flour tortilla shells
- lettuce
- shredded cheese
- fresh tomatoes, diced
- salsa (optional)

In a medium skillet, warm the chopped leftover turkey. Invite your child to help you add taco seasoning according to the package directions. Warm tortillas in a microwave or oven. Spoon a portion of the turkey mixture onto each tortilla shell. Add any of the remaining ingredients or some of your own family favorite toppings, fold, and enjoy!



Songs

When I Hear Music

Sung to "Yankee Doodle"

When I hear some music playing
Soon my feet are tapping.
Tippy-tapping, tippy-tapping,
And my hands start clapping!
Tapping, clapping to the beat,
A-swishing and a-swaying.
I keep moving to the beat
When I hear music playing.



When I hear some music playing
I just can't help humming.
I grab my make-believe guitar
And play like I am strumming.
Mm-mm-mm-mm, hear me hum,
A-humming and a-strumming.
I may even slap my knees
And play like I am drumming.



I'm So Thankful

Sung to "The Muffin Man"

I'm thankful for (so many things).
(So many things, so many things).
I'm thankful for (so many things).
Do you feel thankful too?

Repeat with:

- my family
- the food I eat
- a place to live

Repeat first verse.



Book List

Wild Symphony

by Dan Brown

Creepy Crawly Calypso

by Tony Langham

Max Found Two Sticks

by Brian Pinkney

City Street Beat

by Nancy Viau

Dozens of Doughnuts

by Carrie Finison

Around the Table That Grandad Built

by Melanie Heuiser Hill

Homemade Love

by bell hooks

Thank You, Omu!

by Oge Mora