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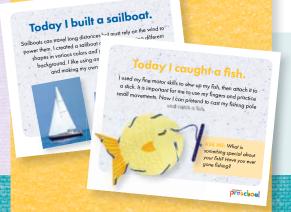
# Family Newsletter

# Bubbles, Boats & Floats

This month, your child will go on a wild water adventure. They will begin by exploring the river. They will make a beaver puppet and make friends with an alligator. Your child will spend a week at the lake. They will fish, design a sailboat and experiment with things that sink and float. Water is everywhere and is used for many different purposes. Your child will make soapy bubbles to wash pets and set up a squeaky-clean car wash. At the end the month, they will appreciate

the wonder of water by exploring the water cycle, rainbows, melting ice and how to preserve clean drinking water.

Look for the daily notes about your child's art projects!



# **Encouraging Wonder**

Learning is more than counting to 10 or memorizing colors, shapes and letters. Help your child find wonder and explore the learning process with these five tips:

- Help only enough to get your child past their frustration. If you see them struggling with a concept or action, lend an encouraging hand without completing the task or providing the answer. This will help your child feel successful while continuing to challenge their thinking and perseverance.
- Encourage your child to think and wonder about anything and everything!

  Ask open-ended questions to avoid simple "yes/no" answers. Ask yourself questions aloud: "I wonder what would happen if...?"
- Work together to learn more about a topic when your child shows an interest.

  Take a trip to the library, search for child-safe internet sites or take a field trip to a person or place that may provide more information.
- Show your own excitement about learning. Share topics that interest you. Model the steps you take to learn more about what you love and the things that make you curious.
- Encourage creative thinking and exploration of topics you think might interest your child, especially things they may not come across naturally.

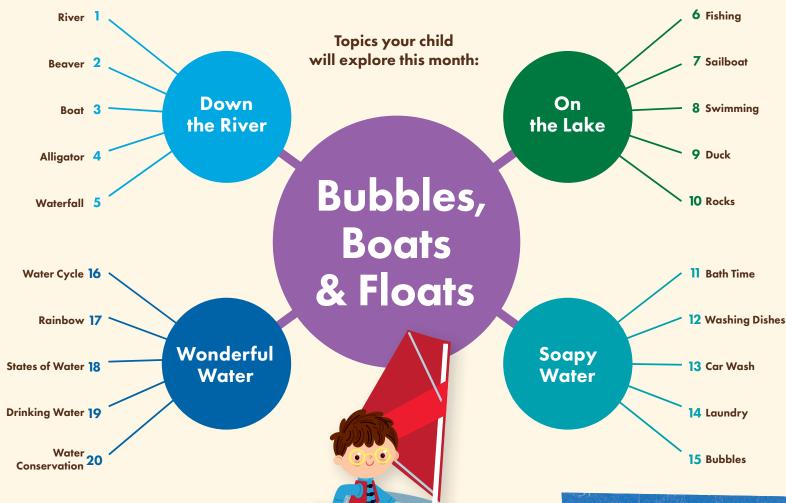
Show happiness and pride about new things your child has learned, express pride in your own learning, and pass on the joy of learning to your child.



#### THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CONCEPTS

Letters Vv & Yy Shape Diamond Numbers 17 & 18 Color Brown

Character Trait Responsible
Letter Vv violin, volcano & vacuum
Letter Yy yam, yak & yo-yo





# Cudale Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

Nature Hide & Seek: Rivers & Lakes by John Norris Wood and Kevin Dean

**River Friendly, River Wild**by Jane Kurtz

**Rivers and Lakes**by Simon Holland

**River** by Debby Atwell

**The Boats on the River** by Marjorie Flack

**Rivers and Streams**by Cassie Mayer



## **Popping Bubbles**

(To the tune of "Row Your Boat")

Invite your child to pretend to pop bubbles.

Make up more verses together such as:

"...Squat and pop them low,

...Popping is fun, you know!"

Pop, pop, pop the bubbles,
Jump and pop them high,
Pop, pop, pop the bubbles,
But don't get them in your eye!

## Family Activities

## **Water Works**

#### **AT HOME**

Invite your child to help clean around the house. Sort, fold and count the laundry or do the dishes together. Make homemade bubbles with mild dish soap.

#### **OUT AND ABOUT**

Visit a local body of water and search for signs of life in and around the water.

