

Family Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S THEME

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!

Today I built a sailboat.

Sailboats can travel long distances but must rely on the wind to power them. I created a sailboat with shapes in various colors and a background. I like using an and making my own



Today I caught a fish.

I used my fine motor skills to sew up my fish, then attach it to a stick. It is important for me to use my fingers and practice small movements. Now I can pretend to cast my fishing pole and catch a fish.



ASK ME: What is something special about your fish? Have you ever gone fishing?

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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

Topics your child
will explore this month:

Down the River

- River 1
- Beaver 2
- Boat 3
- Alligator 4
- Waterfall 5

On the Lake

- Fishing 6
- Sailboat 7
- Swimming 8
- Duck 9
- Rocks 10

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Wonderful Water

- Water Cycle 16
- Rainbow 17
- States of Water 18
- Drinking Water 19
- Water Conservation 20

Soapy Water

- Bath Time 11
- Washing Dishes 12
- Car Wash 13
- Laundry 14
- Bubbles 15



Family Activities

RECOMMENDED READS

Cuddle 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!**

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.

