



FLOWERS

PARENT HANDOUT

CIRCLE TIME

 **I'M A LITTLE FLOWER SEED**
Tune: I'm A Little Teapot

*I'm a little flower seed in the ground.
Out comes the yellow sun, big and round.
Down comes the cool rain, soft and slow.
Up comes the little flower, grow, grow, grow!*

Pass out bean bag flowers to children.
Pretend to be flowers growing in the sun and rain.

 **MARY, MARY QUITE CONTRARY**
Nursery Rhyme

*Mary, Mary quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
With silver bells and cockle shells,
And pretty maids all in a row.*

Shake colorful hand bells to Nursery Rhyme.

 **FIELD OF FLOWERS**
Group Movement Activity

Children squat and pick up dandelions scattered on the floor. Collect the flowers in individual baskets.

Play Celtic background music.

CREATIVE PLAY STATIONS

Free play with theme puzzles, playdoh, columns and discs and bubbles

 **FLOWER GARDEN**
Messy Play

Children and parents play together at a sensory table filled with dirt and flower pots. Provide shovels and beans for pretend flower seeds. Pretend to sprinkle the dirt with water from sprinkling cans.

 **SUNNY SUNFLOWERS**
Creative Play

Children scribble with yellow and orange crayons on white paper plates. Add brown paper circles for sunflower centers. Label with child's name and take home.

 **FLOWER SHOP**
Communication

Children and parents sort a variety of silk flowers into plastic vases by color. Name the colors and use the words "short" and "tall".

 **FLOWER TOWERS**
Problem Solving Play

Children and parents stack plastic flower shaped napkin rings on paper towel tubes. Cut paper towel tubes in various sizes.

SNACK TIME

 Muffin paper "flowers" filled with dried cereal, with breadstick "stems," kiwi "leaves" and juice

HOME PLAY

Praise your child. Hug, kiss, smile, and say, "I am proud of you!"

 Go for a walk with your child and pick some wildflowers. Put the flowers in a cup of water when you get home.

TEN THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS

 Interaction  Loving Touch  Stable Relationship  Safety and Health  Self Esteem  Quality Child Care  Communication  Play  Music  Reading