



SPRING

PARENT HANDOUT



CIRCLE TIME

SONG OF SPRING Tune: Pop! Goes The Weasel

*All around the grass is green,
From all the springtime showers.
The leaves are budding on the trees.
Up pop the flowers!*

Pass out flower shaped sponges to children.
Pop up at the end.

IT'S RAINING, IT'S POURING Rhyme

*It's raining, it's pouring,
The old man is snoring.
He bumped his head,
When he went to bed,
And he couldn't get up
In the morning.*

Provide rain stick rhythm instruments.

UMBRELLA PARACHUTE Group Movement Activity

Children run under a parachute
"umbrella" to stay dry.

Play rain theme songs for background music.

CREATIVE PLAY STATIONS

Free play with theme puzzles, playdoh, bee flower garden blocks and bubbles

FRESH COAT OF PAINT Messy Play

Children put a fresh coat of paint on a large cardboard box house. Use roller brushes and tempera paint. Clean brushes in a sensory table filled with water.

GO FLY A KITE Creative Play

Children decorate kite cut outs with tissue paper. Children dip tissue paper in school glue using fingers. Label with child's name and take home.


SPRING CLEANING Language/Pretend Play

Children and parents wash windows and classroom mirrors together, using water spray bottles and paper towels. Use the words "clean" and "dirty."

PUDDLE FUN Active Play

Children dress up and pretend to go outside to play in a puddle of water. Put on boots and rain pants. Children jump in a wading pool filled with a very small amount of water.

SNACK TIME

 Cheese "umbrella" cut-outs with pretzel stick "handles" and juice

HOME PLAY

Praise your child. Hug, kiss, smile, and say, "Awesome!"

 Put boots on your child and play outside in a small puddle of water after it rains. Float a rubber duck in the puddle.

TEN THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS

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