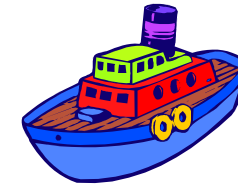




# BOATS

## PARENT HANDOUT



### CIRCLE TIME



#### ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT

Tune: Traditional

*Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently down the stream,  
Merrily, merrily, merrily,  
Life is but a dream.*

Turn children to face parents. Hold hands and row while singing.



#### MOTORBOAT, MOTORBOAT

Action Rhyme

*Motorboat, motorboat go so slow.  
Motorboat, motorboat go so fast.  
Motorboat, motorboat steps on the gas.*

Children activate noise making spinners to rhyme.



#### BOAT RIDE

Group Movement Activity

Children pull toy boats attached to cords around the room

Play ocean background music.

### CREATIVE PLAY STATIONS

Free play with theme puzzles, playdoh, wonder foam blocks and bubbles



#### A BOATING WE WILL GO

Messy Play

Parents and children play together at the sensory table filled with water. Add seashells and plastic boats for the children to explore.



#### RIVER RAFT

Creative Play

Children use foam trays to make rafts. Decorate rafts with stickers. Encourage children to use pincer grasp. Label with child's name and take home.



#### FERRY BOATS

Communication/Pretend Play

Parents and children put plastic people in Styrofoam egg carton "ferry boats." Attach strings to egg cartons. Children pull boats around in an empty wading pool. Use the words "in" and "out."



#### BOAT MARINA

Problem Solving Play

Children sort colored boats into dishpan lakes by color.

### SNACK TIME



Half of a baked potato "boat" with pretzel stick "oars" and milk

### HOME PLAY



Make a homemade boat for your child out of an empty plastic container. Put a toy in the boat and float it in the bathtub.

**Praise your child. Hug, kiss, smile, and say, "Ahoy Mate!"**

### TEN THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS

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