



BOATS

TEACHER LESSON



-  Parents and children share picture books.
-  Parents follow their children's lead in play.
-  Staff mingles with parents asking, "What's new?"

GATHERING AND SETTLING

-  Parents and staff sing song while helping children to clean up.
-  All greet one another by shaking hands and singing the "Hello" song.

CLEAN-UP

*Clean up; clean up, everybody, everywhere.
Clean up, clean up, everybody do your share.*

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

HELLO

Tune: She'll Be Coming Round The Mountain!

*Oh, it's time to say hello to our friends. (Repeat)
Wave your hands and say hello. (Repeat)
Oh, it's time to say hello to our friends.*

WELCOME SONGS

-  Parents and staff sing each child's name during the song.
-  Parents face children toward them and hug and kiss while singing.

OH, HERE WE ARE TOGETHER

Tune: The More We Get Together

*Oh, here we are together, together, together.
Oh, here we are together at _____ School.
Here's ____ and ____ and ____ and ____ etc.
Oh, here we are together at _____ School.*

WE LOVE CHILDREN

Tune: Are You Sleeping?

*We love children. Children are for hugging.
We love children. Children are for kissing.
Yes we do. Yes we do. We love you. Yes we do!*

PREVIEW AND CIRCLE TIME

-  Staff uses props and pictures to prepare children and parents for the playgroup activities.

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 cords attached to toy boats around the room.

Play ocean background music.

CREATIVE PLAY STATIONS

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



Staff briefly describes the play stations that are set up throughout the room. Parents follow their children's lead as they explore the play stations.



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 send 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

Children, parents and staff wash hands. Serve snack individually as the children are seated at the table.



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

TRANSITION AND FREE CHOICE PLAY



Staff supports parents as children are prepared for transition. Parents depart for parent education group. Staff follows children's lead as they repeat activities at a creative play station, play with toys throughout the room, go for a walk or a buggy ride, or look at books. Children listen to a variety of types of music as they play.

REGATHERING ACTIVITIES



RING AROUND THE ROSIE

*Ring around the rosie, pockets full of posies,
Children, children, we all fall down.*



OPEN SHUT THEM

*Open, shut them, open, shut them, give a little clap, clap, clap.
Open, shut them, open, shut them, put them in your lap, lap, lap.*



SHARE A BOOK ABOUT BOATS

Tell the story in simple words. Talk about the pictures and ask questions.

REVIEW



Staff reviews the playgroup activities with the children and individually shares with parents what their children did during the parent education group.

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.

GOOD-BYE SONG



GOOD-BYE CHILDREN

*Good-bye children, good-bye children, good-bye children, we're glad you came to play,
Hope you had a happy time, happy time, happy time. Hope you had a happy time, happy time at school.*

TEN THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS



Interaction



Loving Touch



Stable Relationship



Safety and Health



Self Esteem



Quality Child Care



Communication



Play



Music



Reading