



# 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