



THREE- AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD UNIT THEMES



AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
<p style="text-align: center;">Back to School</p> <p>School Rules All About Me Five Senses Friends and Family Learning is Fun (ABC's, 1, 2, 3) Letter/Number Recognition: First letter of child's name 1, 2 Color: Blue Shape: Circle Emotion: Scared Opposites: Fast/Slow Special Event: School Rules and Routines Words of the Month: the, and Second Step Unit 1 Weekly Themes 1-3 The Creative Curriculum Volume 1: The Foundation (4 weeks)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>*Establish rules and review daily*</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Community Helpers</p> <p>Community Helpers & their jobs Transportation National Latino Month Letter/Number Recognition: J, N, Q, W, 1, 2 Color: Red Shape: Square/Cube Emotion: Excited Opposites: In/Out Special Events: Grandparent's Day Words of the Month: are, he Second Step Unit 1 Weekly Themes 4-6 *Review Unit 1 Weekly Themes The Creative Curriculum Volume 2: Interest Areas (4 weeks)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fall is Coming</p> <p>Fall Weather Down on the Farm Fall Harvest (Fall Fruits and Vegetables) The Colors of Fall Halloween Letter/Number Recognition: A, B, T, C, 3, 4 Color: Orange Shape: Sphere Emotion: Sad Opposites: Front/Back Special Events: Columbus Day, Fire Prevention Words of the Month: to, see Second Step Unit 2 Weekly Themes 7-10 Nutrition Activity: Roasted Pumpkin Seeds The Creative Curriculum Volume 3: Language & Literacy (8 weeks)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">We Are Thankful</p> <p>Sharing and Helping Others Food We Eat (7 Food Groups) Thanksgiving Hanukkah Letter/Number Recognition: S, X, Z, O, F, P, 5, 6 Color: Brown Shape: Triangle Emotion: Happy Opposites: Above/Below Special Events: Native Americans Heritage Month, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Universal Children's Day Words of the Month: like, me Second Step Unit 2 Weekly Themes 11-12 *Review Unit 2 Weekly Themes Nutrition Activity: Applesauce The Creative Curriculum Volume 3: Language & Literacy (8 weeks)</p>
DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p style="text-align: center;">Cultural Celebrations Around the World</p> <p>Christmas Kwanzaa Las Posadas New Year's Eve/Day Letter/Number Recognition: F, H, S, J, 6, 7 Color: Green Shape: Pyramid Emotion: Surprised Opposites: Big/Little Special Events: Christmas, Hanukkah, Festivus, New Year's Eve Words of the Month: for, at Second Step Unit 3 Weekly Themes 13-15 Nutrition Activity: Fruit Smoothies The Creative Curriculum Volume 4: Mathematics (8 weeks)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Winter is Here</p> <p>Clothing Winter Weather Winter Animals Winter Where I Live Letter/Number Recognition: E, C, D, N, V, 7, 8 Color: White/Black Shape: Rectangle Emotion: Calm Opposites: Loud/Quiet, Left/Right Special Events: New Year's Day, Dr. King's Birthday Words of the Month: it, you Second Step Unit 3 Weekly Themes 16-18 *Review Unit 3 Weekly Themes Nutrition Activity: Banana Snowman The Creative Curriculum Volume 4: Mathematics (8 weeks)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Black History Month</p> <p>Black History Famous Black Inventors Famous Black Athletes Famous Black Musicians Letter/Number Recognition: V, P, K, 8, 9, 6 Color: Pink Shape: Heart Emotion: Unhappy Opposites: Fewer/More Special Events: Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day Words of the Month: she, can Second Step Unit 4 Weekly Themes 19-22 Nutrition Activity: Yogurt Parfait The Creative Curriculum Volume 5: Science and Technology, Social Studies & Arts (8 weeks)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Spring is Coming</p> <p>Dr. Seuss/Celebrating Reading What Goes Up/Outer Space Colors of the Rainbow Letter/Number Recognition: Y, R, T, K, 9, 10 Color: Purple Shape: Oval Emotion: Angry Opposites: Soft/Hard, Push/Pull Special Events: National Nutrition Week, St. Patrick's Day and Spring begins. Words of the Month: go, is Second Step Unit 4 Weekly Themes 23-25 *Review Unit 4 Weekly Themes Nutrition Activity: Green Eggs & Ham The Creative Curriculum Volume 5: Science and Technology, Social Studies & Arts (8 weeks)</p>
APRIL	MAY		
<p style="text-align: center;">Summer is Coming</p> <p>Caring for Earth Come Into the Garden Water Safety Oceans, Lakes, & Streams Summer Weather & Vacation Letter/Number Recognition: M, Z, U, R, 10, 11 Color: Yellow Shape: Diamond Emotions: Review Emotions Opposites: Long/Short Special Events: Easter, Earth Day Words of the Month: my, came, Second Step Unit 5 Weekly Themes 26-28 Nutrition Activity: Fruit Pizza Crackers The Creative Curriculum Volume 6: Objective for Development & Learning Birth Through Third Grade (4 weeks)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Animals</p> <p>Jungle Animals Rain Forest Zoo Animals & Pets Wild Animals/Dinosaurs Letter/Number Recognition: I, W, L, M, 11, 12 Color: Review All Colors Shape: Review All Shapes Emotions: Review All Emotions Opposites: Wet/Dry Special Events: Memorial Day, Mother's Day, Cinco de Mayo Words of the Month: this, play Second Step: Review Themes Nutrition Activity: Cheesy Wraps The Creative Curriculum Review all volumes 1-6</p>		

If children are ready and wanting to explore other themes, go for it!

HAPPY LEARNING!

Introduce one nursery rhyme per week and read three books daily to children in addition to your literacy field trips.

CENTRAL DOMAINS					
	APPROACHES TO LEARNING	SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT	LANGUAGE AND LITERACY	COGNITION	PERCEPTUAL, MOTOR, AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT
▲ INFANT/TODDLER DOMAINS	Approaches to Learning	Social and Emotional Development	Language and Communication	Cognition	Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development
● PRESCHOOLER DOMAINS	Approaches to Learning	Social and Emotional Development	Language and Communication Literacy	Mathematics Development Scientific Reasoning	Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development

A nutrition activity must take place each month beginning in October.

Refer to the Food Activity Booklet for monthly nutrition activity recipes.