

Summer Curriculum June 29–August 14 2026 (ages 2, Pre K 3, Pre K 4)

Summer Curriculum Plan (June 29–August 14, 2026)

Age Groups: 2-year-olds, PreK 3, PreK 4

Note: Closed On July 4.

Weekly Themes

1. June 29–July 3: Summer Welcome & Water
 2. July 6–10: Ocean & Sea Life
 3. July 13–17: Bugs & Nature
 4. July 20–24: Gardening & Growing
 5. July 27–31: Summer Fruits & Cooking
 6. August 3–7: Transportation
 7. August 10–14: Camping & Nature Explorers
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Daily Structure (applies each day)

- Morning circle
 - Theme exploration
 - Small group activity
 - Outdoor exploration
 - Story/language
 - Art/sensory
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Week 1: Summer Welcome & Water

Monday June 29

- **2-year-olds:** Name songs, water pouring, sponge squeeze, outdoor bubbles.
- **PreK 3:** Water transfer trays, class rules discussion, summer vocabulary.
- **PreK 4:** Water experiment: what absorbs water; create class expectations chart.
- **Standards (PreK 3/4):** Approaches to Learning ATL.1; Science S.PK.3; Language L.CS.4

Tuesday June 30

- **2-year-olds:** Ice sensory play, painting with ice cubes.
- **PreK 3:** Compare melting ice; descriptive words.
- **PreK 4:** Predict/record how ice changes.
- **Standards:** Science S.PK.1, S.PK.4; Math M.PK.6

Wednesday July 1

- **2-year-olds:** Water table scooping.
- **PreK 3:** Sink/float sorting.
- **PreK 4:** Make predictions and chart results.
- **Standards:** Science S.PK.2; Math Data M.PK.4

Thursday July 2

- **2-year-olds:** Red/white/blue sensory bottles.
- **PreK 3:** Flag collage.
- **PreK 4:** Picnic planning and group discussion.
- **Standards:** Social Studies SS.PK.1; Language SL.PK.1

Friday July 3

- **2-year-olds:** Water painting outdoors.
- **PreK 3:** Review week through photos.
- **PreK 4:** Dictate favorite summer activity.
- **Standards:** Language W.PK.2; L.CS.4

Week 2: Ocean & Sea Life

Monday–Friday

Monday

- 2s: Ocean sensory bin, animal naming.
- PreK 3: Sort ocean animals.
- PreK 4: Habitat discussion and matching.
- Standards: Science Life Science S.PK.3; Language L.CS.2

Tuesday

- 2s: Sand tray pouring.
- PreK 3: Shell counting.
- PreK 4: Graph shells by size.
- Standards: Math M.PK.1, M.PK.5

Wednesday

- 2s: Fish stamping.
- PreK 3: Sink/float shells.
- PreK 4: Record observations.
- Standards: S.PK.2; W.PK.2

Thursday

- 2s: Ocean songs.
- PreK 3: Story retell.
- PreK 4: Sequence story events.
- Standards: RL.PK.2

Friday

- 2s: Water play.
- PreK 3: Ocean scavenger cards.
- PreK 4: Draw sea habitat.
- Standards: Art + Science S.PK.4

Week 3: Bugs & Nature

(Repeat Monday–Friday format)

- Monday: Bug hunt / insect cards / classify insects — Standards S.PK.3, L.CS.4
- Tuesday: Butterfly art / life cycle — Standards S.PK.2

- Wednesday: Nature walk / collect leaves — Standards SS.PK.2
 - Thursday: Bug songs / story — Standards RL.PK.2
 - Friday: Journal favorite bug — Standards W.PK.2
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Week 4: Gardening & Growing

- Monday: Plant seeds / observe soil — Standards S.PK.3
- Tuesday: Watering routine / measuring plants — Standards M.PK.6
- Wednesday: Flower collage / label plant parts — Standards L.PK.6
- Thursday: Vegetable tasting — Standards Health H.PK.1
- Friday: Garden walk — Standards S.PK.4

(2-year-olds: sensory soil, watering, digging; PreK 3: plant vocabulary; PreK 4: observations and drawings.)

Week 5: Summer Fruits & Cooking

- Monday: Fruit wash / identify fruits — Standards Health H.PK.1
- Tuesday: Cutting soft fruits — Standards Fine Motor + ATL.2
- Wednesday: Make fruit salad — Standards Math M.PK.1, Science S.PK.1
- Thursday: Taste graph — Standards M.PK.4
- Friday: Recipe retell — Standards SL.PK.1, W.PK.2

(2-year-olds: sensory/taste; PreK 3: count/sort; PreK 4: recipe sequence.)

Week 6: Transportation

- Monday: Vehicle sorting — Standards SS.PK.3
- Tuesday: Ramp experiments — Standards S.PK.2
- Wednesday: Neighborhood walk — Standards SS.PK.1
- Thursday: Build roads — Standards M.PK.5
- Friday: Draw favorite transport — Standards W.PK.2

(2-year-olds: push toys, ramps; PreK 3: sort land/air/water; PreK 4: maps.)

Week 7: Camping & Nature Explorers

- Monday: Tent setup — Standards ATL.1
- Tuesday: Nature scavenger hunt — Standards S.PK.4
- Wednesday: Flashlight shadows — Standards Science S.PK.2
- Thursday: Story under tent — Standards RL.PK.2
- Friday: End-of-summer picnic & reflection — Standards SL.PK.1, SS.PK.2

(2-year-olds: sensory baskets, pretend camp; PreK 3: group hunt; PreK 4: journal and map.)

Suggested Daily Materials

- Water table, sensory bins, scoops, shells
- Magnifying glasses
- Seeds/soil/gardening tools
- Fruits for cooking
- Toy vehicles
- Tents, flashlights, nature baskets

Assessment Ideas

- Anecdotal notes
- Work samples
- Photo documentation
- Observation checklists
- Child dictation samples

A good structure for your mixed summer group at Somos Early Learning is:

- Whole-school weekly theme
- Separate expectations for 2-year-olds, PreK 3, and PreK 4
- Shared outdoor/special activities
- Simpler hands-on invitations for toddlers

Adjusted 7-week plan for ages 2–4

Week 1 (June 29–July 3): Summer Welcome + Water





2-year-olds

- Pouring cups
- Washing dolls/toys
- Ice sensory bins
- Water painting outside
- Splash stations

Older children

- Water experiments
 - Measuring
 - Summer rules chart
 - Simple journals
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Week 2 (July 6–10): Ocean

2-year-olds

- Ocean animal matching
- Sand sensory tray
- Blue painting
- Scoop and transfer shells

Older children

- Sea habitat work
 - Sink/float experiments
 - Story dictation
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Week 3 (July 13–17): Bugs





Happy
Toddler
Playtime



Taste-safe Insects Sensory Play For Toddlers



2-year-olds

- Bug songs
- Insect sorting
- Nature walks
- Fingerprint bugs
- Sensory grass trays

Older children

- Life cycle work
 - Observation journals
 - Classification
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Week 4 (July 20–24): Gardening

2-year-olds

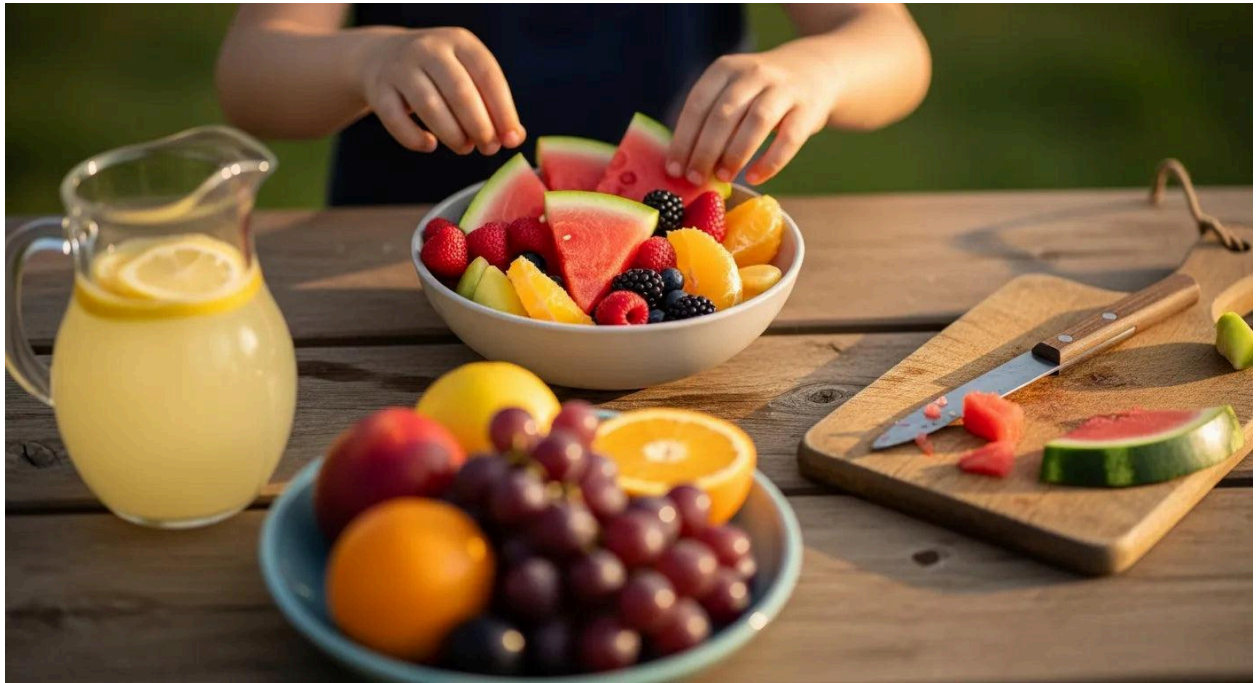
- Watering plants
- Digging soil
- Flower arranging
- Leaf collecting

Older children

- Seed observation
 - Measuring growth
 - Plant parts study
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Week 5 (July 27–31): Fruits & Cooking





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2-year-olds

- Fruit washing
- Taste exploration
- Cutting soft fruits with safe tools
- Matching colors

Older children

- Recipes
 - Graphing
 - Food prep
 - Writing observations
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Week 6 (August 3–7): Transportation

2-year-olds

- Push cars
- Wheel painting
- Vehicle songs
- Ramp play

Older children

- Categorizing transportation
 - Neighborhood observation
 - Building roads/maps
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Week 7 (August 10–14): Camping







2-year-olds

- Tent play
- Nature baskets
- Animal sounds
- Flashlight exploration

Older children

- Nature scavenger hunts
- Map making
- Journaling
- Outdoor storytelling

Best approach for your 2-year-olds

For two-year-olds, I'd center each week around:

- Sensory exploration
- Practical life
- Gross motor
- Songs & movement
- Short circle time (5–10 min)
- Outdoor discovery