

Newsletter

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Quote of the Month

“To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.”

-Anatole France

Themes

Up & Away Look high in the sky for this lofty theme. The children will learn how airplanes, balloons, rockets, and kites soar through the air. Everyone will be blown away by fun activities! Sunny Savanna Elephants, zebras, rhinos, and giraffes are just some of the amazing animals that roam the vast plains, hills, and grasslands of the savanna. The children will learn about the savanna climate, the difference between wild and tame animals, and much more.

Learn with Me!

Paper Airplanes Model how to make a paper airplane, and have your child copy the steps. Begin by folding a sheet of paper in half vertically. Unfold the paper and fold the top corners toward the crease. Fold each of the triangular flaps toward the middle to sharpen the point. Refold the paper along the vertical crease made in the first step. Make wings by folding down the edges on each side. Throw the planes outside to test how far they can fly. Savanna Paintings Create savanna paintings with your child. Bring out earth tone watercolor paints or tint a small amount of water with food coloring. Invite your child to paint their favorite savanna animal. Is it an elephant, zebra, or giraffe? Display the artwork in a special place

Color/ Shape



Letters

Vv, Ww, Xx

Numbers

17-18

Alphabet Words

vase, vegetables, visor, vulture,
walrus, whisk, wasp, watch,
six, box, mix, ax

Sign Language



Our Projects

My Project: Hot Air Balloon When I bring this project home, we can: • Notice how I decorated the hot air balloon. • Pretend to be riding in a hot air balloon together. • Go outside and name objects we see in the sky. My Project: Patchwork Elephant When I bring this project home, we can: • Name the different colors. • Talk about how I made the elephant. • Find a special place to display it.

Family Connections

Book List

Clouds! by Hope Aicher
Day and Night in the Savanna by Mary Boone
Gravity Is a Mystery by Dr. Franklyn M. Branley
Jeremy Worried About the Wind by Pamela Butchart
Sun! One in a Billion by Stacy McAnulty
Hippos by Maya Myers

About Insects: A Guide for Children by Cathryn Sill
I Want an Ostrich by Sonya Annita Song
Recipe

Veggie Pizza Pinwheels

1 sheet frozen puff pastry ¼ cup mixed frozen vegetables marinara sauce shredded mozzarella cheese shredded cheddar cheese 1 egg, beaten Italian seasoning Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Place the frozen vegetables in a large bowl, cover with hot water (adult only), and cook for about 1 minute in the microwave. Drain completely, and spread the vegetables on paper towels. Pat dry. Roll out the pastry and spread marinara sauce across the surface. Sprinkle cheese and the vegetables over the top. Starting with the shorter side of the pastry, tightly roll it up, and cut into 8 pieces. Beat the egg, and brush over each pinwheel. Sprinkle with Italian seasoning, and bake at 400°F for about 15 minutes. Let cool, and serve.

Songs & Rhymes

Reach High

Sung to “Row, Row, Row Your Boat”

Reach, reach, way up high, Try to touch the sky! Like a plane or butterfly, Pretend that you can fly! Crouch, crouch, way down low, Build up all your steam! Like a rocket in the night, Blast off like a dream! Yellow Giraffe The yellow giraffe is as tall as can be. His lunch is a bunch of leaves off a tree. He has a very long neck, and his legs are long too,

TAKE HOME TECHNIQUES

Asking open-ended questions

Asking open-ended questions is a question that can be answered with more than a single word.

Examples of open ended questions:
How does the book we read make you feel?
How do we cook your favorite food?

Using Parallel and Self-Talk

Selftalk is when you talk about what you are doing while your doing it

Example of Selftalk:

‘I’m washing my fruits off before I eat them.’

Parallel talk is when you talk about what a child is doing, seeing, or hearing.

Example of Parallel talk:

“ You’re stacking the blocks on top of each other. First you put the blue block, then the red block, and next the yellow.

Supporting peer interactions

A peer interaction takes place when a child communicates with another child.

Examples of supporting peer interactions:

Prompt child(ren) to ask other children questions

Focus on activities that involve sharing materials.

Feedback & Suggestions
