



“Summer”

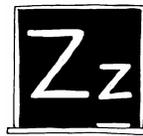
What’s new in our class this week

We are learning songs, rhymes,
and doing activities related to

“Summer”!

This week we will learn about different activities we can do during the summer. We will talk with the children about what they think about summertime. We will also learn words that describe summer like sunny, hot, warm, and clear.

New Letter



Big “Z” and little “z”

Some “Z” words we will talk about are
Zebra, Zip, Zoom, and Zero!

Letter Talk

“Letter Talk” is what we
use to help children learn
how to form letters!

Letter Talk for big ‘Z’

Straight line across. Slant left
and down. Straight line
across.

Letter Talk for little ‘z’

Straight line across. Slant left
and down. Straight line
across.

Draw letters in the air,
in sand on the beach or
with a stick in the dirt!

Letters to review

I, F, S, M, A, L, D, R, N, P, C,
V, B, T, H, Q, K, O, W, U, G,
X, J, Y, and E.

New Concept

Recognizing Simple Words

You may have noticed how your child knows some simple words in the books you read together. They probably recognize their name and maybe the names of family members too. Simple words, sometimes called, “high frequency words” are short words that appear often in books.

New Song



“If You’re Happy and You Know It”

Revisiting the Book: “Spring Is Here” by Taro Gomi



Spring is Here is a book we have read before, so the children are familiar with it. Before we read it again, we will recall the details we remember from the story. Also, we will listen and look for things that tell us what season the book is about. As we read, we will point to each word on the page. You can do this too when you read with your child. This will help your child learn to read from left to right and from top to bottom. You can also ask your child to find the word ‘the’ in a book you are reading together.

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Parks in Your Area

Summertime has finally arrived! Summer is the perfect time to go outdoors to catch some fireflies or go on a picnic. One activity you can do is to have your child make a map of your yard or a nearby park. Encourage your child to label the things on the map like fence, swing set, or grass. Ask your child to explain the map to you.

You can even go somewhere like a baseball park! While watching a game with your child, talk about the rules and equipment used. You can also point out how people work as a team to win the game.



Books related to theme

- *Hot Days*
by Jennifer S. Burke
- *Lionel in the Summer*
by Stephen Krensky
- *Marshmallow Kisses*
by Linda Crotta Brennan
- *One Hot Summer Day*
by Nina Crews
- *Sand Castle*
by Brenda Shannon
- *Summer: An Alphabet Acrostic*
by Steven Schnur

Try These Tips at Home

Help your child learn more about: *Recognizing words*

- Write simple words, such as *the*, *is*, *and*, or *see*, on a sticky note and have your child match the sticky note with words in a book you are reading.
- Go on a word hunt and see who can find the most two or three letter words. Make a list of the words to practice with your child.
- Count the number of times you find the word 'the' in a magazine with your child.
- When you come to an easy word in a book you are reading with your child, stop and ask your child if he or she can read the word.

Teach your child about the letters: *Z and z*

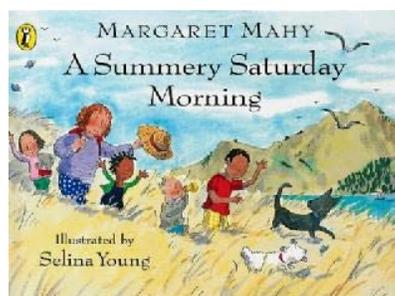
- Try to think of as many words as you and your child can that start with the letter "Z".
- Go on a letter hunt and have your child put a sticky note on each letter "Z" they can find.

Help your child learn more about: *Summer*

- Talk about your favorite summer activity and encourage your child to tell you about his or her favorite summer activity.
- Play a guessing game with your child about the types of clothing you wear in the summer. "You wear me when you go swimming." (bathing suit or swim trunks) or "I am something you don't need to wear in the summer." (sweater, coat, etc.)
- Describe a season and have your child guess it. "It is sunny and hot. It begins in June" (summer).

Book Pick: "A Summery Saturday Morning"

by Margaret Mahy



This is a story about a woman and four children who take their dogs on an outing to the beach. However, what starts out as a peaceful summer morning stroll, soon ends up as a slippery, wild goose chase. Along the way the dogs chase a cat, a boy on a bike, and seven geese. The woman and the children run to catch the dogs and get stuck in the mud. This is a great book to encourage children to discuss problems and solutions.

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