

Lesson Plans for At the Seashore Theme Week

Welcome Warm-up and Morning Circle. **Begin Day 2**

Welcome Warm-up (15 minutes)

Boat Float.

Children can color a small paper sail and thread it onto a toothpick for a mast. The MAST can be stuck into any of the the styrofoam peanuts used for packing material and the resulting little boat placed into a bowl of water. The little peanut boat will float nicely, but make sure the toothpick goes all the way through the styrofoam and into the water to give the boat stability. Children can blow puffs of air at the sails to make the boats move across the water.

Materials: Syrofoam packing peanuts, cocktail toothpicks, bowls of water, crayons, optional background picture of ocean from any travel magazine, paper sails from Lesson Activity sheet, page 27.

Circle Time (15 minutes)

1. Silly Song transition.

Lead children to the Circle Time area while singing to the tune of Happy Birthday:

Happy sea snail to you
Happy sea snail to me
Happy sea snail, Happy sea snail
Happy sea snail to you.

Ask: *How many sea snails do we have today?* Count children in unison.

2. Theme Talk.

Say: *Today we will continue our special At the Seashore theme. Ask: Have you ever gathered shells at the beach? What are some seashell shapes you know?* Show and pass around seashells if you have any available, or show the children the seashell pictures on Lesson Activity sheet, page 28.

3. Calendar.

Count through the days of the month so far. Invite a child to mark the calendar with the date printed on a construction paper fish or other seashore shape. Write and recite the day, date, month and year.

4. Weather Watch.

Invite a child to report the weather. Ask: *Would our seashell friends peek out of their shell homes today? Why or why not?*

5. Game:

Five Little Crabs, finger play.

Children hold hands up, palms out, fingers (the crabs) stretched out. As each stanza is recited, children wiggle fingers, then curl one finger to palm as each crab leaves.

Five little crabs
Were crawling near the shore,

One dove in,
And then there were four.

Four little crabs
Were crawling toward the sea,
One went swimming
And then there were three.

Three little crabs
Were crawling on my shoe
I kicked one off
And then there were two.

Two little crabs
Were crawling in the sun
One dug in the sand
And then there was one.

One little crab
Went looking for some fun
He crawled into a boat
And then there were none.

Materials: Seashells or pictures from page 28.