



Craft Activity

Theme: Summer

Intro: Summer is 1 of the 4 seasons of our weather. It is the hottest season.

Learn more about Summer at Playgroup today.

Craft activity: Paper Plate Suns

Children will need: Paper plate, yellow crayons/textas/coloured pencils or yellow paint and brush, yellow strips of paper, scissors, sticky tape, pop stick.

Instructions:

Colour in the paper plate with your chosen medium (crayons/textas/coloured pencils/paint).

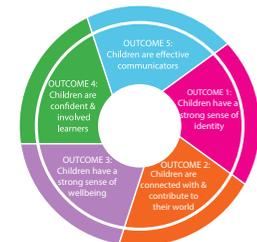
Stick strips of yellow paper around the edge of the paper plate with tape.

Attach a pop stick so you can hold your sun up high!

Extension ideas:

You may like to add more detail to your sun e.g. eyes, mouth or provide children with shiny bits and pieces and/or glitter along with glue for them to further decorate their sun.

Fact: The Sun is 4.6 billion years old.



Learning Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world.



Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Shells in sand

You will need: Shallow tray, sand, various shells, brushes.

Instructions:

Spread shells out in the base of a tray. Cover with sand. Provide paint brushes for children to use to find the shells.

Outside activity: Water Tray Play

Set up a water tray outside by pouring water into a large shallow tray and adding items such as measuring cups and spoons, small containers, scoops, funnels, water mills, plastic animals.

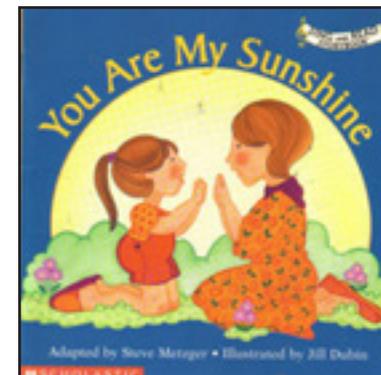
** Water Safety: Children must be vigilantly supervised at all times. Playgroup SA recommends that parents/caregivers remain close to children when they are playing around water. Use 'touch supervision' - this means to have an adult within an arm's length of each child.

Group time ideas:

- Encourage everyone to join in at group time.
- You may like to start with some questions about the activities you have done at playgroup today (paper plate suns, shells in sand, water tray play).
- Who made a sun today? Some children may like to show their sun to the group.
- Did anyone find some shells in the sand tray?
- Where else can you find some shells? (At the beach). Who likes to collect shells at the beach?
- Did anyone get wet today from playing in the water tray? It's fun to play with water especially in summer when it's warm.

Book Suggestion:

You are My Sunshine by Steve Metzger





The Sun Is In The Sky

Tune: The Farmer in the Dell

The sun is in the sky,
The sun is in the sky,
Hot & bright, it gives us light,
The sun is in the sky.

The Sun Outside

Tune: Wheels on the bus

The sun outside is shining bright,
Shining bright, shining bright,
The sun outside is shining bright,
All day long.

You are my Sunshine

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are grey
You'll never know, dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away.

This is My Garden

Finger Rhyme Song

This is my garden, (extend palm of hand facing up)
I'll rake it with care, (rake palm with 3 fingers of the other hand)
And then some flower seeds, (plant pretend seeds on palm)
I'll plant there.
The sun will shine, (circular action with other hand)
And the rain will fall, (fingers flutter down)
And my garden will blossom,
And grow straight and tall. (cup hands and 'grow' fingers upwards like flowers)

Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill went up the hill (*march on spot*)
Looking for some colours, (*hand to forehead, looking around*)
The sky was blue, (point to sky), the grass was green (*point to ground*)
The shining sun was yellow. (*hands together, arms out to make a circle, sway side to side*).