



Playgroup SA

Playgroup Weekly Session Planner

Summer Fun

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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Summer in Australia is during the months of December, January & February. Christmas and New Year as well as the main school holidays all happen in Summer.

Craft activity: Sun Catcher

Children will need: Paper plates, coloured cellophane, paint, paint brushes, sticky tape, coloured string or ribbon. Hole puncher.

Instructions: Cut the centre out of the paper plate. Paint the plate with the middle missing in whatever bright colour you would like. Allow to dry. Once dry, turn over and sticky tape strips of cellophane to the back of the plate in whatever pattern or colours that you like. When finished put a hole punch in the top and tie some string or ribbon in the top so you can hang you sun catcher on a window.

Extension ideas:

As above cut out the middle of the paper plate and paint it. While its drying, head outside and collect some flowers, petals, leaves. Cut some clear contact a bit bigger than the circle in the middle of your sun catcher, stick it to the front side of the plate and turn over. Arrange flowers etc. onto the sticky back of the contact. Once you have finished, cut another circle of contact and stick over the top of the flowers to seal them. Hole punch at the top and add string or ribbon.

Fact: The average summer temperature in Adelaide during the summer months is 27°C.



Learning Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Water painting – put some bowls of water with paint brushes outside, and let the children paint pictures on the concrete, walls, even play equipment. No mess and they will soon see their masterpieces disappear in the sun and they can start all over again.

SENSORY ACTIVITY

Frozen Animals

You will need: Small freezable containers, water, small plastic animals, trays to put them in, suitable utensils the children can use to excavate the animals from the ice, small watering cans or cups with a small amount of water in them.

Instructions: Place several trays on a table with a few of the frozen animals in them. Place the utensils and small cups of water or watering cans next to them. Watch the children as they explore ways to get the animals out of the ice.

GROUP TIME IDEAS

Have a talk with the children about what they got up to over the Summer holidays.

Did they go to the beach or a pool to cool down during the summer?

Do they like summer more than winter?

Do they know what season comes after Summer?



Children playing on a beach

BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Penguin on Vacation by Salina Moon

The Watermelon Seed by Greg Pizzoli

