

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

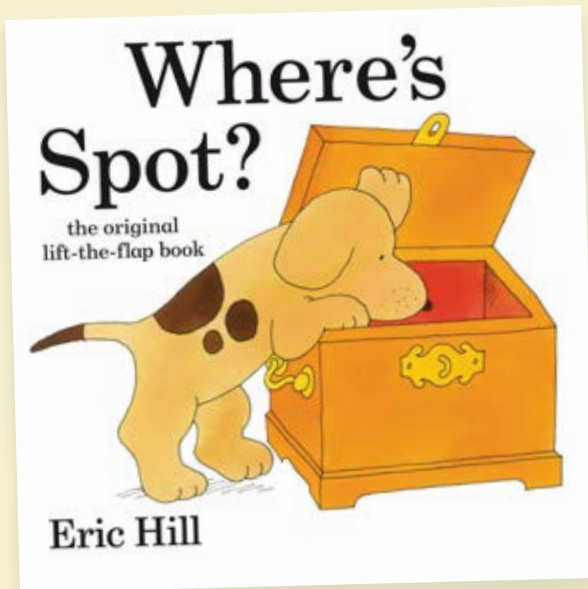
OUR WEEK WITH

Bear's Buried Treasure

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This week, This week, let's read books about making discoveries. Find this hide-and-seek book one at your library or on YouTube:



Where's Spot?
by Eric Hill

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Hide 'n Seek Treasures

What?

In the story of the week at school (*Bear's Buried Treasure*), Bear looks for hidden treasure. Invite your child to play hide and seek and find a hidden treasure.

How?

Hide a piece of fruit and have your child hunt for it. After he finds it, cut it up and enjoy a healthy snack.

Why?

Learning that things exist even when they can't be seen is an important skill for young children as they build logic skills. This concept will also reassure your child at school drop-off time, knowing that you will be back soon.





Bear's Buried Treasure Calendar



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LESSON 1

BOOK DISCOVERY **Turn for Treasure** LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Explore the books. Practice turning pages from front to back. Stack a block then turn the page.

math & reasoning

SORTING & SHAPES **Treasure Path** MR 6 CLASSIFICATION

Follow paper strips on the floor to the hidden treasure.

music & movement

CREATIVE MOVEMENT **Round & Round** CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Dance with scarves inside a circle on the floor without touching each other.

art & drama

DRAMATIC PLAY **Bear Puppet** CA 4 DRAMA

Make a Forest Friends stick puppet. Pretend to go on a treasure hunt together.

LESSON 2

STORY PLAY **Where Is Bear?** LLD 6 READING COMPREHENSION

Identify the pictures in a story. Hold a Story Piece and look for it in the book.

MEASURE WITH ME **Heavy Treasure Bag** MR 4 MEASUREMENT

Explore heavy and light by pulling a bag filled with books and toys across the floor toward a picture from the book.

COORDINATION **Treasure Dance** PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

While dancing, touch the sticker each time you hear the word "treasure."

STICKER ART **Forest Friend Stickers** PD 4 PERSONAL CARE

Name body parts while applying stickers on hands, feet and other parts.

LESSON 3

COMMUNICATION **Dig Dig Dig** LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Use the "dig" sign throughout the day. Fill a bin with sand and explore digging.

SENSORY PLAY **Letter J Mat** PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Decorate a mat with dough to make the letter J and jewels.

GROUP DANCE **Dance to Colors** CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Dance with a partner. Hold hands and move together to colored papers as different colors are named in the song.

PAINTING **Apple Painting** CA 3 VISUAL ARTS

Paint red on a paper plate to create Bear's apple treasure.



LESSON 4

PICTURES & LETTERS **Treasure Ball** LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Roll a cube with the story characters. Toss a ball in a bucket whenever Bear is rolled.

LIFE SKILLS **Hidden Apple** SCI 1 INVESTIGATION & INQUIRY

Explore cause and effect. Roll an apple down a ramp.

RHYTHM PATTERNS **Pass the Pillow** ★ SS 2 CIVICS & ECONOMICS

Take turns passing a pillow while the song plays. Practice sharing.

COLLAGING **Triangle Tree Collage** MR 2 SPATIAL AWARENESS

Arrange a variety of triangles on the paper to create a tree in Bear's forest.

LESSON 5

ACTIVE LISTENING **Clap for Bear** LLD 3 PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Clap hands each time a keyword is read aloud.

NUMBER PLAY **Delivering Sticks** MR 1 NUMBER SENSE

Place colored sticks on the matching mailbox.

SOUNDS & SIGNS **Dig & Find Signs** CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Listen for the words "dig" and "find." Sign the words to the music.

COLORING **Treasure Map Path** PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Explore tracing lines with different colors.





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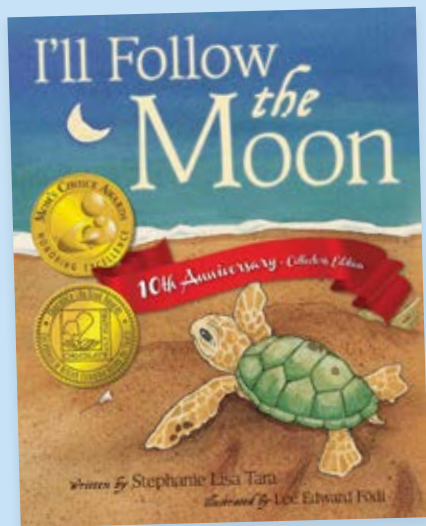
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This week, let's read books to help our children learn about islands. Find this one at your library or on YouTube:



I'll Follow the Moon
by Stephanie Lisa Tara

Point at Blue

What?

In the story of the week at school (*Follow the Path Islands*), children learned about many different island plants and animals and their colors. Look for the color blue in your home.

How?

Show your child something blue then hunt for blue all day. Point at it and say, "Look-- BLUE!"

Why?

This activity builds color recognition. This month, your child will be working on reviewing and recognizing the colors highlighted throughout the year.





Follow the Path Island Calendar



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LESSON 1

BOOK DISCOVERY

Follow the Island Path

★ LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Develop book handling skills by following text from left to right.

SORTING & SHAPES

Sorting Sea Turtles

MR 6 CLASSIFICATION

Uncover paper turtles buried in the sand. Sort them by color.

GROUP DANCE

Blue Leader

SED 3 ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Take turns being the movement leader during the song. Hold the blue paper and lead others around the chairs.

STICKER ART

Sticky Island

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Peel off stickers and decorate a beach scene.

LESSON 2

STORY PLAY

Island Treasure Hunt

★ LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Tell a story about a missing item that you need to find. Look for it together.

MEASURE WITH ME

Measure with Fish

MR 4 MEASUREMENT

Explore concepts of length by comparing four fish. Which is longest? Shortest?

CREATIVE MOVEMENT

Circle Dance

MR 3 SHAPES

Stomp along to the beat of a song. Follow a circle path while singing and dancing.

DRAMATIC PLAY

My Pet Crab

CA 4 DRAMA

Create a pet crab with a soufflé cup, sticker eyes and paper legs.



LESSON 3

COMMUNICATION

Need Water

LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Sign each word while pretending to take a sip of water. Repeat multiple times to help memory and recall.

SENSORY PLAY

Where's the Shell?

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Control the small muscles in the fingers by pulling out shells folded into dough.

COORDINATION

Monkey Pose

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Do Yoga poses to the song. Stretch arms and legs.

PAINTING

Surfboard Painting

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Fingerpaint a paper surfboard.

LESSON 4

PICTURES & LETTERS

Island Matching Walk

LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Roll a cube with Story Cards and follow a path to the matching picture.

NUMBER PLAY

Counting Coconuts

★ MR 1 NUMBER SENSE

Count the circle coconuts on a card then put the same number of circles on the mat.

RHYTHM PATTERNS

Coconut Clap

CA 1 MUSIC

Clap hands to the music. Follow the rhythm of the song.

COLLAGING

Sea Star

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Strengthen fine motor coordination by holding a cotton swab to make dots on a star.



LESSON 5

ACTIVE LISTENING

Island Read-Aloud

LLD 3 PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Participate in a story read-aloud by imitating the sounds of the path.

LIFE SKILLS

Wash the Boat

SCI 3 PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Explore washing toy boats with soapy water and sponges.

SOUNDS & SIGNS

Water! Water!

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Listen for the words "water" and "thirsty" and sign to the music.



COLORING

Sea Turtle Path

★ LLD 7 WRITING

Strengthen fine motor and crayon control by drawing inside a maze path. Retrace the path in different colors.

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Five Little Monkeys

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Climb Safely

What?

In the story of the week (*Five Little Monkeys*), the monkeys jump on the bed but fall and hurt themselves. This story helps children think about risks and consequences.

How?

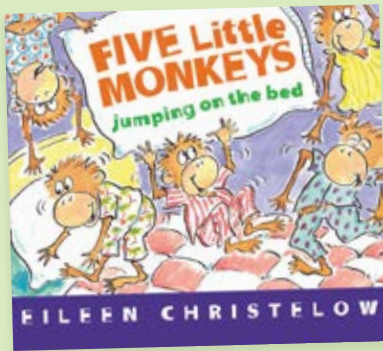
Go for a walk and explore safe places to climb and play then explore where it could be dangerous. Talk about how you want her to stay safe.

Why?

This activity helps children learn about their surrounding environments and understand how they can be safe within it.



This week, This week, let's read books about counting and subtraction. Find this one at your library or on YouTube:



Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed
by Eileen Christelow

Five Little Monkeys Calendar

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LESSON 1

BOOK DISCOVERY

Where Is the Monkey?

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Place sticky notes on each page of the book. Lift the flap and determine if a word or picture is hiding.

SORTING & SHAPES

Color Beds

MR 6 CLASSIFICATION

Invite children to put a monkey on the same color bed as the card they flip over.

GROUP DANCE

Hold Up Blue

LLD 3 PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

While the song plays, listen for the word "blue" and hold up the blue paper.

STICKER ART

Monkey Stickers

★ PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Build eye-hand coordination by holding the sticker sheet with one hand and peeling off a sticker with the other/dominant hand.

LESSON 2

STORY PLAY

Hello Monkey

LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Make conversations between the Story Pieces and photos of each child to help them imagine being in the story.

MEASURE WITH ME

Monkey Tail Tag

MR 4 MEASUREMENT

Explore moving in a small space and keep away from the monkey tail.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT

Coconut Clap

MR 5 PATTERNS

Explore clapping syllables of words and names.

PAINTING

Monkey Handprint

SCI 2 NATURAL & EARTH SCIENCE

Paint children's hands brown and press onto paper to make monkey handprints. Decorate with green yarn vines.

LESSON 3

COMMUNICATION

Jump Sign

LLD 1 LISTENING

Practice signing the word "jump" each time the word is used in the book.

SENSORY PLAY

Monkey Dough

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Play with dough and put pipecleaners in it to make monkey tails.

COORDINATION

Vine Trail

★ PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Dance and improve balance by walking on a trail of fabric scraps.

DRAMATIC PLAY

Monkey Headband

★ CA 4 DRAMA

Assemble a monkey headband and use it to role-play.

LESSON 4

PICTURES & LETTERS

Roll a Monkey

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Roll a picture cube and put a monkey on the bed each time a monkey is rolled.

LIFE SKILLS

Feed the Monkey

★ PD 5 NUTRITION

Explore scooping and filling cups with rice or other dry cereal.

RHYTHM PATTERNS

Carry the Treasure

CA 1 MUSIC

Take turns carrying the treasure ball around a circle of chairs.

COLLAGING

Circle Sun Collage

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Create a collage by tearing paper then gluing the pieces inside a circle outline.

LESSON 5

ACTIVE LISTENING

Monkey Touch & Listen

SED 3 ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Increase attention span while listening to stories by playing with sensory materials such as pom-poms.

NUMBER PLAY

Monkey Patterns

★ MR 5 PATTERNS

Line up the monkey and banana cards to make a repeating pattern.

SOUNDS & SIGNS

Time to Sleep

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

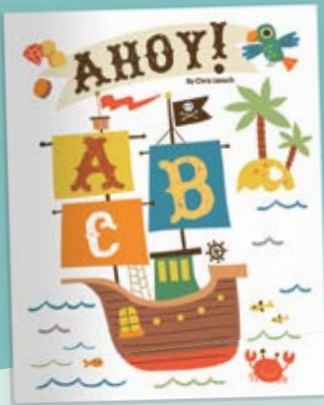
Listen for the word "sleep." Sign the word to the music.

COLORING

Counting Monkeys

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Explore coloring upside-down or in positions other than sitting, e.g., on tummy or back.



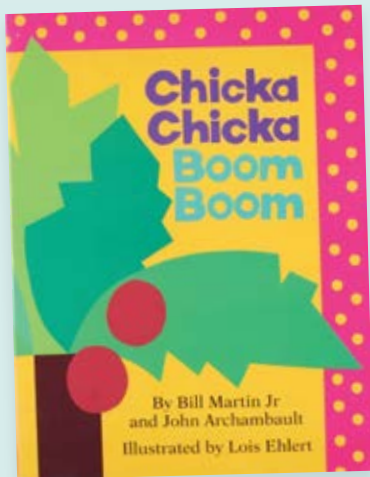
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Ahoy! ABC

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This week, let's continue to read books that feature the ABCs. Keep learning and find this book at your library or on YouTube:



Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
by Bill Martin, Jr. & John Archambault

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TIME

Island Hopping

What?

This month, your child has learned about many different shapes, especially the circle shape. Reinforce the circle shape by playing Island Hopping.

How?

Cut out circles from cardboard then tape them on the floor. Explore moving around the room stepping only on the circle islands. Don't fall off the islands into the ocean!

Why?

This activity helps your child identify shapes in their natural environments. If desired, you can cut islands in different shapes then ask your child if he is standing on a triangle, square or circle island.





Ahoy! ABC Calendar



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LESSON 1

BOOK DISCOVERY Ahoy Picture Clues

LID 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Explore the book and how to hold it right-side up. Use picture clues in the story.

math & reasoning

SORTING & SHAPES Boat Shapes

MR 6 CLASSIFICATION

Look at boat design examples then recreate them with shapes.

music & movement

GROUP DANCE Coco, Bobo, Dodo

★ LID 3 PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Explore singing different beginning sounds while looking in a mirror.

art & drama

STICKER ART Ahoy Sticker Match

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Use visual scanning to identify a specific sticker.

LESSON 2

STORY PLAY Ahoy Storytelling

LID 6 READING COMPREHENSION

Listen actively and hold up the Story Piece when a character is named during a read-aloud.

MEASURE WITH ME ABC Cups

MR 6 CLASSIFICATION

Explore concepts of matching and sorting colors.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT Water Swim

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Dance in personal space around a towel.

DRAMATIC PLAY Captain's Hat

CA 4 DRAMA

Make a captain's hat and follow directions.



LESSON 3

COMMUNICATION Boat Sign

LID 2 COMMUNICATION

Use big then small voices while making the "boat" sign. Explore how tone of voice communicates meaning.

SENSORY PLAY Crooked Paths

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Create straight, curvy or criss-cross tracks in playdough using toy cars.

COORDINATION Catch a Treasure

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Build eye-hand coordination by picking up, tossing and catching scarves while music plays.

PAINTING Cloud Painting

CA 3 VISUAL ARTS

Paint clouds with cotton balls on blue paper.

LESSON 4

PICTURES & LETTERS Who Is in the Boat?

LID 2 COMMUNICATION

Recall the story by putting a Story Piece in a boat then answer simple questions about that character.

LIFE SKILLS Ahoy Puzzles

MR 2 SPATIAL AWARENESS

Match tops and bottoms of pictures to assemble simple puzzles.

RHYTHM PATTERNS Twirl Around Fast & Slow

★ CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Twirl and dance to the changing speed of the song.

COLLAGING Sandcastle Collage

CA 3 VISUAL ARTS

Arrange a variety of shapes on a paper to make a sandcastle design.



LESSON 5

ACTIVE LISTENING Draw Letters

LID 1 LISTENING

Draw or scribble while listening to a story read aloud. Use the drawings as prompts and retell what was heard.

NUMBER PLAY How Many in the Boat?

MR 1 NUMBER SENSE

Count the animals in the boat.

SOUNDS & SIGNS Row Your Boat

LID 1 LISTENING

Listen for the words "boat" and "dream." Sign to the music.

COLORING Ahoy Coloring

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Explore different colors while filling in the picture.