

Lesson Planner

Theme 7
Nursery Rhymes

Week 1

Eggs and Cats

Starting the Day

- Develops an increasing awareness of the impact and consequences of their actions (B.3.c.)
- Recognizes and responds to the feelings and emotions of others and begins to show concern (B.4.c.)
- Develops emerging skills in caring and cooperation (B.4.f.)

Language Development

- Shows interest in songs, rhymes, and stories (C.3.a.)
- Develops a playful interest in repetitive sounds and words (rhythm, rhyme, alliteration) (C.3.b.)
- Demonstrates expressive language skills (C.1.d.)

- Nursery Rhymes
- Cultural Rhymes
- Humpty Dumpty's New Ears

Cognitive Development

- Uses senses to explore people, objects, and the environment (D.1.b.)
- Develops spatial understandings, including an awareness of how two- and three-dimensional objects can be fitted together (D.1.f.)
- Listens with interest to language of others (C.1.a.)

- Photo Activity Cards (12, 59)
- A Few Words Different
- Egg Puzzles
- Egg Shakers
- Weighted Eggs

Social Emotional Development

- Engages in positive relationships and interactions with adults (B.1.d.)
- Begins to develop and demonstrate a positive sense of self (B.2.e.)
- Develops a comfort level in taking on different roles in their environment (helping others, turning off water, holding the door) (B.2.i.)

- Humpty Dumpty's Fall
- Purple Cows
- Make Me Laugh
- Humpty Dumpty's New Ears
- Deviled Eggs
- Dish Puppets

Physical Development

- Develops an increasing ability to keep a steady beat through chants, dances, and movement to rhythmic patterns (A.2.f.)
- Develops control of large muscles for movement, navigation, and balance (A.2.a.)

- Egg Rolls
- Rhythm Band
- Play Dough Eggs
- Chicken Dance
- Circle 'Round the Moon

Outdoor Play

- Develops increasing ability to change positions and move body from place to place (A.2.b.)

- Egg Hunt
- Moon Jumpers
- Circle 'Round the Moon

Learning Centers

- Pretend and Learn
 - Uses imitation in pretend play to express creativity and imagination (D.4.b.)
- Creativity Station
 - Develops an ability to be creative and expressive through art (D.5.b.)
- Fine Motor
 - Develops spatial understandings, including an awareness of how two- and three-dimensional objects can be fitted together (D.1.f.)
- Math
 - Shows interest in colors, shapes, patterns, and pictures (D.1.c.)

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Week 2

Tuffets and Haystacks

Starting the Day

- Develops an increasing ability to take another's point of view and to empathize with others (B.4.g.)
- Responds to and interacts with others (B.4.b.)
- Develops capacity to predict routines and regular events that make up the day or the session (B.3.b.)

Language Development

- Develops a playful interest in repetitive sounds and words (rhythm, rhyme, alliteration) (C.3.b.)
- Develops increasing knowledge in syntax, meaning, and vocabulary (C.1.f.)
- Understands and begins to use oral language for conversation and communication (C.2.c.)

- Nursery Rhymes Cultural Rhymes
 Three Little Kittens

Cognitive Development

- Shows interest in colors, shapes, patterns, and pictures (D.1.c.)
- Learns and begins to use math concepts during daily routines and experiences (D.2.g.)
- Understands and begins to use oral language for conversation and communication (C.2.c.)

- Photo Activity Cards (47, 63) Nursery Rhyme Match Up
 Horns Mitten Match
 Sleeping Eyes Positional Words

Social Emotional Development

- Develops confidence and ability to express emotional needs (B.1.f.)
- Begins to develop and demonstrate a positive sense of self, competence, and an identity (B.2.e.)
- Develops small muscle control and coordination (A.3.b.)

- Tuffets Dancing Fingers
 Frightening Things Spider Webs
 Curds and Whey Three Little Kittens Retell

Physical Development

- Shows imagination, creativity, and uses for a variety of strategies to solve problems (D.2.b.)
- Develops control of large muscles for movement, navigation, and balance (A.2.a.)
- Uses imitation in pretend play to express creativity and imagination (D.4.b.)

- Walk Like a Spider Serving Up Curds and Whey
 Spider Shadows Kitten Antics
 The Farmer in the Dell Haystack Naps

Outdoor Play

- Develops confidence with moving in space, moving to rhythm, and playing near and with others (A.2.e.)

- Little Boy Blue Freeze
 Mitten Hunt
 Mitten Wash

Learning Centers

- Sensory
• Searches for missing or hidden objects (D.3.b.)
- Fine Motor
• Develops control of small muscles for manipulation and exploration (A.3.b.)
- Creativity Station
• Develops skill and confidence with processes of art, such as drawing, collage, and painting (D.5.a.)
- Pretend and Learn
• Uses objects in new ways or in pretend play (D.4.a.)

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Week 3

Hills and Hens

Starting the Day

- Develops a playful interest in repetitive sounds and words (rhythm, rhyme, alliteration) (C.3.b.)
- Develops emerging skills in caring and cooperation (B.4.f.)
- Establishes secure relationships with primary caregivers (B.1.a.)

Language Development

- Develops a playful interest in repetitive sounds and words (rhythm, rhyme, alliteration) (C.3.b.)
- Develops increasing knowledge in syntax, meaning, and vocabulary (C.1.f.)

- Nursery Rhymes
- Cultural Rhymes
- One, Two Buckle My Show

Cognitive Development

- Learns and begins to use math concepts during daily routines and experiences (D.2.g.)
- Recalls and uses information in new situations (D.2.c.)
- Begins to develop interests and skills related to numbers and counting (D.2.f.)

- Lay Them Straight
- Feather Blowing
- Other Jacks
- Nursery Rhyme Match Up
- Counting Rhymes

Social Emotional Development

- Uses senses to investigate their environment (D.1.b.)
- Begins to demonstrate healthy and safe habits (A.1.h.)
- Engages in positive relationships and interactions with adults (B.1.d.)

- Treating Boo-Boos
- Jack and Jill Puppets
- Another Jack and Jill
- Vinegar and Soda

Physical Development

- Demonstrates increasing balance, stability, control, and coordination (A.2.a.)
- Uses imitation in pretend play to express creativity and imagination (D.4.b.)

- Fill the Pail
- Jumping Jacks and Jumping Jills
- Five Little Monkeys
- Trotting
- Up and Down the Hill
- Jack, Jack, Jill

Outdoor Play

- Develops a knowledge of the natural environment in the outdoor area of the program (D.1.g.)

- Tumbling
- Pick Up Sticks
- Paint in a Pail

Learning Centers

- Sensory
 - Experiments with different uses for objects (D.2.a.)
- Pretend and Learn
 - Uses imitation in pretend play to express creativity and imagination (D.4.a.)
- Fine Motor
 - Uses hands or feet to touch objects or people (A.3.a.)
- Math
 - Learns and begins to use math concepts during daily routines and experiences (D.2.g.)

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Week 4

Silly Houses

Starting the Day

- Recognizes and responds to the feelings and emotions of others (B.4.c.)
- Develops an increasing awareness of the impact and consequences of their actions (B.3.c.)
- Develops emerging skills in caring and cooperation (B.4.f.)

Language Development

- Develops communication skills for increasingly complex purposes, such as reasoning (C.2.e.)
- Engages with stories and books (C.3.c.)
- Understands and begins to use oral language for conversation and communication (C.2.c.)

- Nursery Rhymes
- Cultural Rhymes
- Sweet Mother

Cognitive Development

- Develops and demonstrates the ability to remember known information (D.3.d.)
- Shows ability to acquire and process new information (D.3.c.)
- Shows interest in colors, shapes, patterns, and pictures (D.1.c.)

- Photo Activity Cards (33, 67)
- Home Sweet Home
- Shoe Sort
- Sweet Mother
- Pumpkin Houses in Many Sizes
- Nursery Rhyme Match Up

Social Emotional Development

- Shows emotional connections and attachment to others while beginning to show independence (B.1.c.)
- Shows awareness of relationships to family/community/cultural group (B.2.d.)

- Story in a Shoe
- I Love You
- Pumpkin House
- Rock-a-Bye Baby
- No-Bake Pumpkin Pudding
- Lavender Suds

Physical Development

- Develops an increasing ability to keep a steady beat through chants, dances, and movement to rhythmic patterns (A.2.f.)
- Develops increasing ability to change positions and move body from place to place (A.2.b.)

- Kazoo for You
- Go In and Out the Windows
- Kangaroo Jump
- Five in the Bed
- Little Pumpkin

Outdoor Play

- Develops control of large muscles for movement, navigation, and balance (A.2.a.)

- Follow the Shoe Prints
- Kangaroo Jump
- Building Castles

Learning Centers

- Fine Motor
 - Uses tools and different actions on objects (A.3.d.)
- Pretend and Learn
 - Uses objects in new ways or in pretend play (D.4.a.)
- Creativity Station
 - Develops an ability to be creative and expressive through a variety of activities, such as art (D.5.b.)
- Construction
 - Develops the ability to make decisions and choose own materials (D.2.d.)