

Lesson Plans for At the Seashore Theme Week

Welcome Warm-up and Morning Circle. **Begin Day 3**

Welcome Warm-up (15 minutes)

Magnetic Fish.

Fill a tray with a variety of small household objects such as a rubber band, crayon, paper clip, penny, small toys and so on. Make a few small fish out of construction paper. Tape a paperclip to the head of the fish. Provide several fishing poles. Children will enjoy catching fish and discovering which objects can't be caught. To make fishing poles: tape a short length of string to the end of an unsharpened pencil. On the other end of the string tape a small magnet. Many businesses give out free refrigerator magnets that can easily be cut into smaller pieces.

Materials: Tray with objects, fishing poles.

Circle Time (15 minutes)

1. Silly Song transition.

Lead children to the Circle Time area while singing to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." Replace name "Johnnie" with the name of a child in the class, repeating song with a different child's name until all are seated:

Little fishes in a brook,
Father caught them on a hook,
Mother fried them in a pan,
"Johnnie" eats them fast as he can,
Little fishes in a brook,
Father caught them on a hook.

Ask: *How many little fishies 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 been fishing? Who has a pet fish at home? Who likes tuna fish?*

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 today be a good day to go fishing? Why or why not?*

5. Game: Ickle Ockle.

Teacher begins play by sitting in the center of the circle. Recite rhyme while tossing a beanbag from teacher to child, child back to teacher. About one toss per line. Child, who has beanbag on last word, "me", comes to center of circle and game continues.

Ickle ockle,
blue bockle,
Fishes in the sea,
If you want a clever girl (boy)
Please choose me.