Art Studio December 2019



	Week 1 Tape Resist Art	Week 2 Cardboard Roller painting	Week 3 Pulled String Art
Objectives	 Purposefully choose art tools to achieve desired outcomes Represent an idea using visual media and materials 		
Materials	Masking tapeWater colorsWatercolor paperSmall brushes	 Cardboard mailing tubes Yarn Foam pieces Faux fur Paper Paint 	 2' lengths of various types of string, yarn, rope, chain. Paint Paper
Experiences	 Have children put strips of tape onto paper, over lapping & crisscrossing. Paint with brushes to fill in the rest of the paper When dry take off tape to reveal. 	 Turn cardboard tubes into textured paint rollers by attaching yarn, foam, and fur. Use textured rollers to spread paint onto paper. Allow artwork to dry. 	 Dip string or rope into paint and lay onto paper. Pull string horizontally from paper, leaving a paint "trail". Allow to dry.
Curriculum Connections	Science Rocks: cause & effect, use of tools Math Counts: spatial & directional concepts	Science Rocks: explore how properties can change Math Counts: compare & contrast items	Science Rocks: cause & effect, use of tools, use of motion Math Counts: compare & contrast items



Garden Works

December 2019



Indoor Gardening/ Terrariums	Toddlers	Twos	Preschool	Kindergarten Prep
Objectives	To recognize basic properties of living things, such as plants.			
Materials	 Plastic soda bottle Potting soil Mini succulent plants, tropical plants 	 Plastic soda bottle Potting soil Mini succulent plants, tropical plants Sensory table Pinecones Magnifying glasses 	 Plastic soda bottle Potting soil Mini succulent plants, tropical plants 1 small toy animal (dinosaur, bug) Pots Paints 	 Plastic soda bottle Potting soil Mini succulent plants, tropical plants Pebbles 1 small toy animal (dinosaur, bug) Pots Paints
Activities	Activity #1: Mini Greenhouse Books: Plants in Winter by Bullfrog Books	 Activity #1: Mini Greenhouse Activity #2: Pinecone Exploration Books: Plants in Winter by Bullfrog Books 	 Activity #1: Mini Greenhouse Activity #3: Paint pots for the Spring season Books: Planting the Wild Garden by Kathryn O. Galbraith 	 Activity #1: Mini Greenhouse Activity #3: Paint pots for the Spring season Books: What Happens to Plants in Winter? by Rebecca Felix
Curriculum Connections	Explore how properties can change	Identify physical properties, such as shape and texture	Represent an idea using visual media and materials	Formulate "why, what, and how?" questions





Movement Zone

December 2019 Basketball



	Twos	Preschool	Kindergarten Prep
Objectives	 To promote physical development and wellness to create good habits and positive attitudes To engage in physical activity 		
Materials	 Basketballs Basketball Hoop Mats Hula hoops Music Parachute Jump Rope Tunnels 	 Basketballs Basketball Hoop Mats Hula hoops Music Parachute Jump Rope Tunnels 	 Basketballs Basketball Hoop Mats Hula hoops Music Parachute Jump Rope Tunnels
Activities	 Basketball Passing Shooting Baskets Clean Up Game Obstacle Course Basketball Game Basketball Toss through hula hoops Basketball Dribbling 	 Basketball Passing Shooting Baskets Clean Up Game Obstacle Course Basketball Game Basketball Toss through hula hoops Basketball Dribbling 	 Basketball Passing Shooting Baskets Clean Up Game Obstacle Course Basketball Game Basketball Toss through hula hoops Basketball Dribbling
Curriculum Connections	 Engage in active play using gross motor skills. Follow simple safety rules while participating in activities. 	Taking turns.Pass the ball.	 Taking turns. Shooting the ball into the hoop using lower legs.



Music & Movement

December 2019



	Week of 12/2	Week of 12/9	Week of 12/16	Week of 12/23
	Copy My Rhythm	Experiment with shakers	Simon Says	Animal Footsteps
Objectives	Copy the rhythm set by the teacher by tapping rhythm sticks	Experiment wit various filled shakers and compare/ contrast the sounds created.	Follow directions to play the correct instruments	Use drums to imitate animal footsteps
Materials	Rhythm sticks	 Empty cardboard or plastic canisters w/ lids Materials to put inside canisters: dried rice/beans, dry cereal, cotton balls, etc 	Different musical instruments	Drums – different sizes and/or types if possible
Activities	Teacher will tap a rhythm, counting along. Children will copy rhythm with their own sticks.	Fill canisters with materials. Allow children to explore and compare the different sounds that result from shaking each one. You can also experiment with the amounts of materials (example: more vs. less rice)	Have children sit in circle and pass out various instruments. Using Simon Says commands, call out specific instruments to be played (Example: "Simon Says play the bells.")	Use drums to imitate animal footsteps Elephant – heavy and slow beat Rabbit – quick taps Snake – glide across drum Cat – soft, slow taps Encourage children to create more animal footstep sounds.
Curriculum Connections	Art Smart: Recognize and repeat rhythmic patterns Math Counts: Count sequentially	Art Smart: Experiment with sounds Science Rocks: Compare and contrast the properties of materials	Art Smart: Experiment with instruments Language Works: Follow directions	Art Smart: Experiment with instruments and sound Science Rocks: Experiment with speed and force



STEM Lab December 2019



	Magnetic Tiles
Objectives	Freely explore materials at a developmentally appropriate level
Materials	 Magnetic Tiles or Magnetic Spheres and Rods/Cylinders Non-standard measuring tools: shoes, hands, unifix cubes, string/rope Standard measuring tools: rulers, yard sticks, measuring tape Paper and drawing tools for planning, designing, and recording results
Activities	 Work individually or in small groups to build towers using magnetic tiles Identify shapes used to build tower Estimate how many tiles are in their tower Count tiles used Experiment with properties of magnets Observe cause and effect as towers fall Measure towers using standard and non-standard measuring tools/units Compare tower size to their height, height of other structures, objects Problem-solve to build stronger designs Variations: Build pictures, numerals, or letters on flat surface/magnetic vertical surface/cookie sheets. Build 3D geometric shapes (pyramid, cubes, prisms) Build a bridge Build on a light table Build a maze for balls, vehicles, pretend animals, etc.
Curriculum Connections	 Count sequentially Identify shapes, understand their properties and create new shapes Use standard and non-standard measuring tools Compare and contrast the properties of objects Experiment and apply the concept of magnetic force Demonstrate persistence in problem solving



Sign Language December 2019



Early Education & Preschool



PAIN/HURT

The index fingers of the "1" hand tap together several times at the location of pain. (Above graphic denotes pain in stomach/stomachache.)



SICK

One "8" hand touches forehead and the other "8" hand touches the stomach.



EARACHE

Both "1" hands tap together several times in front of ear.



FALL DOWN

The base hand is held with palm facing up. The "inverted 2" hand moves from a "standing" position to a "lying" position, representing someone falling.



The index fingers of both "1" hands slide down the cheeks, showing the paths of tears.



HUG

The hands grasp the upper arms, as if hugging yourself.

