



Pre-K Activity Packet

April 13 through April 17, 2020

Dear Parents,

Happy Easter! Happy Passover! Happy Spring Time! While your celebrations were probably very different from past years, I hope you were able to enjoy your celebrations. I also hope your children will enjoy these fun and creative activities our pre-k team has put together for their friends. Feel free to share these activity packs and other BHPCNS resources with your extended families and friends!

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Letter of the Week: T

Letter of the Week Instructions:



To Create "T" Letter of the Week:

Supplies:

- Orange and black construction paper or white paper painted or colored orange or black
- Black crayon
- Craft eyes – can be googly eyes, cut from construction paper, drawn on, whatever you have on hand.
- Glue

Directions:

- Cut an 8" x 1 1/2" strip of orange construction paper
- Cut an 6" x 1 1/2" strip of orange construction paper
- Cut two orange triangles for the tiger ears
- Cut a squiggly tail
- Assemble the tiger into "T" and decorate
- If desired, mount onto another piece of construction paper

Options:

- Think of a T name to name your tiger.
- Search your house inside and outside for objects that begin with T.
- Ask your family to think of T words. Write them down and count them up. See how many you can think up.

Each teacher has a variation on the letter of the week. It is possible your teacher may have sent different plans for the letter "T." Please pick and choose the activities that are best for your child.

Theme of the Week: April Showers

Craft 1: April Showers Umbrellas



Supplies:

- coffee filter(s)
- magic markers
- construction paper to make an umbrella handle
- spray bottle filled with water – an empty spray cleaning bottle will work well
- glue or tape
- newspaper or covering for work area

Instructions:

Cut a coffee filter in half.

Color with magic markers

Spray with water and dry

Cut out umbrella handle and glue or tape to attach to coffee filter

Hang in a window to have the light shine through

Craft 2: April Showers

Supplies Needed:

- cotton balls
- glue
- white, black, & blue construction paper, you can always color white paper blue
- crayons to make the rain drops and flowers



Directions:

Have your child cut out clouds from white construction paper.

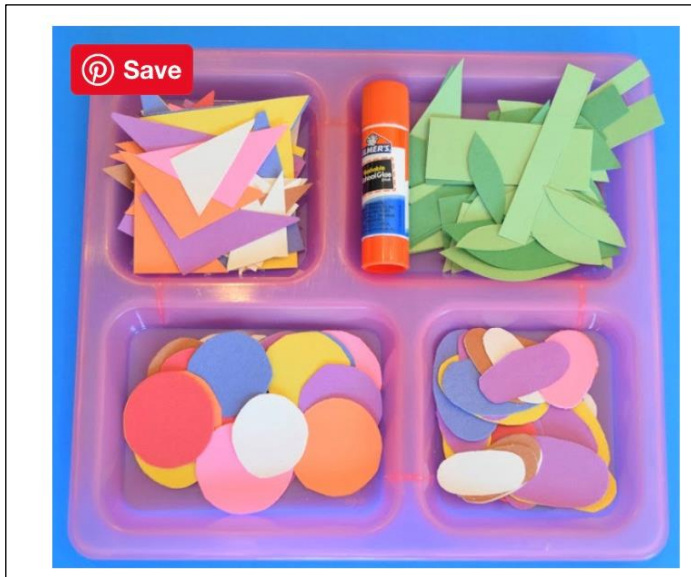
Glue the clouds onto the blue paper. Have your child apply the glue to the back of the white cloud with a paint brush, their finger tip, a sponge, whatever is available.

Dip the cotton balls in a small amount of glue and adhere to the cloud. You could paint the glue to the cotton balls here too.

Use crayons to create raindrops.

Have your child cut eyes and a smile from black construction paper and glue onto the clouds.

Craft 3: Make Rainbow Flowers



From our Art Stay and Play Teacher, Mrs. Magary:

I love this project because you can do one or many and come back to it as often as you like! And the end result is a beautiful colorful page that you made.

Materials you'll need:

- colored paper (or recycled magazine pages)
- scissors (child safe)
- glue stick
- compartment tray or plate (optional)

Steps: (mom or dad):

1) Depending on the cutting skill of your child, prepare different colored petals using circles or ovals, triangles and any other shape you like. You can cut them out and have your child assemble. For further challenge (or just to see their capability), outline these shapes on small pieces of paper and let them cut.

Tips for helping children cut: place scissors on table in front of child, have child pick up using dominant hand. Thumb goes in round hole, other 4 fingers in longer hole. Thumb should always point up. Thumb should only be moving up and down, not sideways or against surface. Encourage them to follow the line with their eyes, their hands will follow. Move the paper to accommodate.

If you don't have any colored paper at home, feel free to use pages from older magazines, newspapers, any paper you can get your hands on.

- 2) Repeat for stems and leaves, maybe even grass!
- 3) Assemble on full sheet using glue stick (or liquid glue).
- 4) Take pictures and share so we at BHCNS can see!

For more information: [Invitation to Create a Flower Garden](#)

Craft 4: Rainbow Potato Prints

This one is a bit more involved but will be fun and sensory loaded. These make beautiful prints for homemade cards grandparents and loved ones are sure to love.

Materials needed:

- potatoes
- knife
- craft paints (tempera or activity)
- paintbrush
- plate for palette
- towel
- craft paper



Steps for mom and dad:

- 1) Newspaper your work area and have paper towels handy. Start by cutting potato in half lengthwise. Press open half of potato onto towel to absorb moisture.
- 2) Once potato is dry, begin cutting designs in to it. Kids can use a child proof knife if you have one. If it makes you nervous, let the adult do the knife work. Otherwise, kids can try using a toothpick or long wooden skewer to make lines, zig zags, circles, etc. Take your time as the potato can still be slippery!
- 3) Press the designed potato to a towel again to dry completely. This will help the paint adhere. The drier the better! You can even pause here for a snack :)
- 4) Squeeze out paints on a paper plate (or other disposable surface). Depending on the design and your child's color wishes, it might be better to paint the surface using a paintbrush (it would be difficult to keep colors apart) then stamp onto paper! Pull away to see your design. Repeat until paint runs out. When you want to use a new color, simply rinse off paint and dry off again.

If you want to make others, see the link below!
Don't forget to snap a pic so we can see!

[DIY Potato Easter Egg Stamps for Kids](#)

Cooking Lesson 1: Blueberry Clouds



Blueberry Clouds

Ingredients:

- Whipped cream or marshmallows
- Blueberries

Directions:

- Use white marshmallows or whip cream to make clouds
- Place lines of blueberries underneath your clouds
- Enjoy!

Cooking Lesson 2: Gluten Free April Showers Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 egg
- 1 stick of butter
- 1 tub of frosting, blue, or white frosting colored with blue food coloring
- Blue sprinkles
- 1 box of sugar cookie mix, gluten free
- 1 package of mini-marshmallows

Instructions:

- Make sugar cookies according to package directions
- Let cool
- Frost cookies with blue icing
- Place mini-marshmallows and blue sprinkles on cookies
- Enjoy!



Science Fun: Creating April Shower Clouds



Supplies:

- Glass jar or tall glass (you could experiment and see if different materials, plastic, worked too)
- Water
- Dropper
- Shaving cream (you could experiment here too, maybe try whipped cream?)
- Blue and assorted other food colorings

Directions:

1. Ask your child to pour water in the glass (the atmosphere), leaving about an inch at the top.
2. Add a layer of shaving cream (clouds) to the top of the water. Do not make it too thick!
3. Add a few drops of blue food coloring to the top of the shaving cream and watch the magic! It will look like streaks of rain as if falls through the water. You can use different color food colorings to make a rainbow too! Beautiful!

Extension:

Go outside! Talk to your child about clouds, how they all look different. Some are white, some are different shades of grey. Lie on your back in the grass, and use your imagination! Does that cloud look like a butterfly? How about a dragon! Have fun!

Rainbow Facts:

- Sunlight is made up of many colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet.
- Rainbows are formed when light shines through water, as when the sun shines through the rain. The light is bent and reflected. Rainbows appear after the rain but can also be seen in water drops, mist, fog, spray and dew.
- No two people see the exact same thing when looking at a rainbow.
- Rainbows cannot be touched.
- There is no end to a rainbow. Although they look like an arc, rainbows actually are in the shape of a circle.
- Rainbows are considered good luck.
- Irish legend is that there is a leprechaun and a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow.

Blessing and Songs:

Blessing

(This is the Blessing used in the Hauck family for many, many years)

God is great, God is good.

And we thank him for our food.

By his hand must all be fed,

Give us Lord our daily bread.

Amen

Spring Songs

The Foolish Man

The foolish man built his house upon the sand

The foolish man built his house upon the sand

The foolish man built his house upon the sand

And the rains came tumbling down.

The rains came down and the floods came up

The rains came down and the floods came up

The rains came down and the floods came up

And the house on the sand went swoosh!

The wise man built his house upon a rock

The wise man built his house upon a rock

The wise man built his house upon a rock

And the rains came tumbling down.

The rains came down and the floods came up

The rains came down and the floods came up

The rains came down and the floods came up

And the house on the rock stood firm!

The Fishing Song

Have you ever been a fishing on a bright and sunny day

When you see the little fishies swimming up and down the bay

With their hands in their pockets and their pockets in their pants

And all the little fishies do the hoochie-koochie dance!

Book Suggestions:

Little Cloud by Eric Carle.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fpz2PiJuyA>

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judy Barrett

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5uXp4694sE>

A Richards's kids favorite around here was a book titled Muddigush by Kimberley Knutson.

I have not been able to find a link. It is available on many book sites.

There are lots of story books, chicks hatching, Spanish and Yoga lessons, nature walks, what's a worm, and more on BHCNS YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLw9EC3Qxv9sG6ySuivSSGA?view_as=subscriber