Summer

For young children, the best way to understand the season of summer and create memorability is to “jump right in!” Whether it is swimming in a pool or at the beach or having popsicles on the front porch, the summer months come alive for your child when you read about typical summertime activities and participate in them!

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**Literacy Activity**

**Fingerprint Summer Raindrops**

On a sheet of paper write numbers one through ten underneath one another. Have your child dip their finger in some blue paint and place a raindrop next to the number. For example, next to number one they will put one rain drop and next to number eight they will put eight rain drops. This will help your child learn one-to-one correspondence. One-to-one correspondence is important because it is a precursor for almost all mathematical concepts.

**Dramatic Play or Music Activity**

Reading *I See Summer* is a great way to give young children a visual tour of things they might experience during the summer months.

After reading the story, make a symbol to represent summer, like the paper plate sun. Then guide a discussion about what activities they would like to do and what activities you liked to do in the summer as a child. Write some of your activities on laundry clips. Have your child pick one to do each day. Have fun!

**Math Activity**

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**Science Activity**

**Lego Shadow Exploration**

This is a fun way to explain how shadows are created: using a toy that kids love to play with….Legos!

1. Talk about what creates shadows. (a dark shape formed by blocked light)
2. Have your child build a Lego tower on the sidewalk during a sunny time of day.
3. When finished building, leave the tower standing.
4. Use sidewalk chalk to trace the shadow created by the Lego tower. Build and trace different ones.
5. When finished there will be lots of cool designs on the sidewalk and your child will understand the concept of shadows.

Click on the image to see Ms. Lynn’s activity.

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**Excited to Learn More?**
Here are some additional activities you may also enjoy.

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Days are longer, sunshine's stronger. Summer's here! Summer's here!
Let's jump through the sprinkler,
Let's make lemonade,
Summer's here! Summer's here!

**Read Aloud**

*Sweet Summer*

*by Jennifer Maness-Watts* • *Illustrated by Alonso Lee*