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Special points of interest:

- Infant/Toddler Lesson Plans
- Preschool Lesson Plans
- We're on the Web

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Infant/Toddler Lesson Plans

Finger play

>"Little Miss Muffet"

Cognitive Skills

- >Objects in a box—sensory exploration
- >Readiness skills
- >Sing-Along Songs—"This Old Man..."

Fine & gross motor skills

- >Fine motor skills—Pincer grasp— picking up finger foods
- >Gross motor skills—Dump and Fill

Physical Development

- >Activity center
- >Playing with soft balls
- > Block building



Reading Readiness Skills

>"Pop Goes the Weasel" Physical contact

Social/Emotional Skills

- >Body Awareness
- >Facial expressions

Communication

- >Responding to child with positivity
- >Make eye contact and communicating with the child.

Arts and Crafts

>Footprints

Story time

> Colors

Coordinating Movement

>Push walker/ Pull a toy behind

Outside Play

>Push toys/ balls/ slide



Tummy Time

(physical development/coordinating movement)

>Reach and Scoot for objects

Circle time

(cognitive development/exploring and discovering)

- >ABC's song
- >Numbers-big blocks
- >Colors with felt
- >Viewing Large Flash cards—Animals

Music with Rhythm

(physical development)

> Dance to music

Singing "This is the Way..." with hand gestures and body movements



Preschool Lesson Plans

Lesson Plan: 2s & 3s

Letters: Review all letters of the alphabet— Letter Maze, Letter Hunt (cognitive development)

Numbers: Review numbers 1-20—Sensory Numbers (fine motor skills/cognitive development)

Number Worksheets: Color by Number (fine motor skills/cognitive development)

Exercise: Bunny Hop (physical development—gross motor skills)

Color(s): Review all basic colors—Collage (social/emotional development)

Shape: Review all basic shapes—Using craft sticks (fine motor skills/cognitive development)

Poem: Preschool Pledge (language and literacy)

Handwriting: First Name—using chalk, and/ or Etch-a-Sketch with stylus (fine motor skills)

Spanish: Colors/ Numbers

Song: Peace and Harmony

Music: Dance to the music/ Musical Chairs

Arts & Crafts: Fun in the Sun

Sign Language: Review all signs

Language Development: Early Literacy: Pre-Reading and Pre-Writing/Story time

Cognitive Skills: First and Last Name

Lesson Plan: 4s & 5s

Review: sight words (reading readiness)

Practice: with chalk drawing "rectangle shape" (fine motor skills)

Exercise: Hokey Pokey (physical development—gross motor skills)

Handwriting: First and Last Names—using markers (fine motor skills)

Math: Sorting by color and size (cognitive development)

Color(s): Review all basic colors—Collage (social/emotional development)

Song: Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day

Poem: Preschool Pledge (language and literacy)

Spanish: Food

Music: Dance to the music/ Musical Chairs

Arts & Crafts: Fun in the Sun

Sign Language: Review all signs

Language Development: Early Literacy: Pre-Reading and Pre-Writing—Sight words

Cognitive Skills: Sequencing

Outdoor activity: Moon Bounce (physical development—gross motor skills)



Ingredients:

- **Butter for greasing star** shaped cookie cutters
 - 1 bag Jet-Puffed S'moreMallows 30 square marshmallows (Or regular marshmallows)
- 12 ounces dark chocolate or dark candy melts
- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs from about 12 graham crackers
 - 120 small candy eyes

Instructions:

- 1. Grease small 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inch star shaped cookie cutters with butter.
 - 2. Cut marshmallows with star shaped cutters.
- 3. Cut stars in half to make 2 thin stars.
 - 4. Melt and temper dark chocolate, if using pure chocolate, or melt candy melts.
 - 5. Dip a marshmallow star in chocolate then coat with graham cracker crumbs.
- 6. Set dipped marshmallow on a parchment paper lined baking sheet and allow to dry.
- 7. Repeat, creating 60 starfish.
 - 8. Attach two candy eyes to each using the remaining chocolate.
 - 9. Store in an airtight container for up to a month.









