

Getting Ready

Suggested Books:

Spring by Nuria Roka
 Spring Things by Bob Raczka
 Spring is Here by Lois Lenski
 Cinco de Mayo by Mary Dodson Wade
 I like noisy, mom likes quiet: A Mother's Day story by Eileen Spinelli

Dramatic Play:

Put out plastic flowers for toy kitchen. Baskets, vases, watering can. Gardening toys, small gloves.

Blocks:

Make block-sized flower vases, sticking small bunches of tiny flowers in a thimble or bottle cap, using clay to hold it in. Set out in the block play area.

Music:

Beethoven's Wig Vol. 1, 2, 3, sing-a-long symphonies

Songtime Kids' Silly Songs

Songs and fingerplays:

One little daffodil had nothing much to do,
 Out popped another one, then there were two.
 Two little daffodils were smiling at a bee,
 Out popped another one, then there were three.
 Three little daffodils were growing by the door,
 Out popped another one and then there were four.
 Four little daffodils were glad to be alive,
 Out popped another one and then there were five.
 Five little daffodils were wearing golden crowns,
 They danced in the breeze in green satin gowns.

Three Little Ducks

Three little ducks that I once knew.
 A fat one, a skinny one, a yellow one too.
 But the one little duck with a feather on his back
 He led the others with his quack, quack, quack!

Down to the meadow they would go.
 Wibble, wobble, wibble, wobble to and fro.
 But the one little duck with the feathers on his back.
 He led the others with his quack, quack quack.

Home from the river they would come.
 Wibble, wobble, wibble wobble, ho, ho, hum.
 But the one little duck with the feather on his back.
 He led the others with his quack, quack, **quack**.

Clouds

Floating pictures in the sky.
 Upon a cloud I'd like to fly.
 And see the world from way up high.
 Come and ride a cloud with me.

Little White Duck

There's a little white duck
 Sitting in the water.
 A little white duck
 Doing what he oughter.
 He took a bite of a lily pad,
 Flapped his wings and he said,
 "I'm glad I'm a little white duck,
 Sitting in the water."
 Quack, Quack, Quack.

Materials to Gather:

Sink or Float tray: gather objects (too big to swallow) and a shallow pan of water. Have child sort objects into "float" and "sink". Suggestions include keys, sand, sunflower seeds, empty capped plastic bottle, filled capped plastic bottle, cork, bark, crayon, leaves, pine needles, plastic toys, soap, and rocks.

Colored rice bin from last week
 Sunflower seeds
 Small paper plates
 Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple construction paper
 Small toy tractors and plastic farm animals
 Coffee filters, food coloring
 Clothespins
 Pipe cleaners
 Sequins
 Glitter
 Small magnet
 Magnifying glass
 Real and plastic flowers
 Large picture book on flowers
 Duck food (cracked corn or Purina duck chow)
 Butterfly net
 Old glove
 Squiggley eyes
 Pom poms
 Feathers
 Cotton balls
 White paint
 New playdough?
 White paper
 Yarn
 Hole punch
 newspaper
 small clay pot
 tempera paint
 spray varnish
 small flower to plant, like a marigold
 ¼ inch dowel rod, cut into various lengths for mobile
 mud, sticks, and stones
 bubble bath (optional)

Monday

Date: _____

7:00	Wake up, go potty. Get dressed, Brush hair
7:30	Do Calendar activity. Practice vocabulary words: Spring, flowers, daffodils, dandelions, May, sunny, duck, cloud. Teach One Little Daffodil fingerplay
7:45	Breakfast
8:00	Table Activities: Play in the colored rice from last week. Talk about pretty colors.
8:15	Free Play: set out props for dramatic play, blocks, books, music centers.
9:45	Child picks up toys. Go potty, wash up for snack
10:00	Snack
10:15	Outside time. Check on landscape plants together. Water them if needed. Then free play in backyard or playground.
11:15	Project: Glue sunflower seeds onto a small paper plate. Glue yellow construction paper petals around the center. Hang pretty sunflowers in window.
12:00	Lunch. Go potty, read a story, sing & cuddle
1:00	Nap
3:00	Up from nap. Make bed, go potty, wash.
3:15	Snack
3:30	Outside time: Take farm toys out to sand box. Drive tractors through the sand, "plant" seeds. Pick dandelions to plant in sand for crops. Water with watering can. Pretend to harvest crops.
4:30	Come inside. Go potty, wash up, prepare for project.
4:45	Project: Spring Butterflies. Paint coffee filters with watercolors or food coloring and water. Let dry. Gather up in the center & pinch in a clothespin for butterfly wings. Add pipe cleaner antennae, sequins, whatever you wish. Add a magnet to the back, and it can decorate your refrigerator.
5:15	Clean up. Read a story, free play time
6:00	Dinner
6:30	Put away food, load dishwasher
7:00	Bath time. Get in Pajamas, read stories, or play a quiet game together
8:00	Bed.

Tuesday

Date: _____

7:00	Wake up, go potty. Get dressed, Brush hair
7:30	Do Calendar activity. Practice vocabulary words. Do One Little Daffodil. Teach The Duck song.
7:45	Breakfast
8:00	Table Activities: Magnifying glass, real and plastic flowers. Books about flowers. Let child examine. Color pictures of flowers, if interested.
8:15	Free Play.
9:45	Child picks up toys. Go potty, wash up for snack
10:00	Snack
10:15	Outside time. Can you walk like a duck? Bring some food for the ducks, and feed them (check laws in your area. Also, feed ducks cracked corn, not white bread).
11:15	Project: Duck poster. Cut out a yellow duck shape, glue to blue paper. Or cut out several yellow shapes to glue into a duck, like large and small circles for head & body, triangles for wing and tail, orange triangle for beak. Give the duck some food. Ducks eat bugs, worms, leafy plants, cracked corn. Use gummy worms and bugs, or make out of playdough, or color them.
12:00	Lunch. Go potty, read a story, sing & cuddle
1:00	Nap
3:00	Up from nap. Make bed, go potty, wash.
3:15	Snack
3:30	Outside time: Look for bugs. Use magnifying glass, or bug net. Can you find a caterpillar?
4:30	Come inside. Go potty, wash up, prepare for project.
4:45	Project: Bug Fingers. Cut the fingers off an old pair of gloves. Decorate a finger with squiggly eyes, pipe cleaner antennae, pom pom noses, feathers for wings, etc. Wear like finger puppets.
5:15	Clean up. Read a story, free play time
6:00	Dinner
6:30	Put away food, load dishwasher
7:00	Bath time. Get in Pajamas, read stories, or play a quiet game together
8:00	Bed.

Wednesday

Date: _____

7:00	Wake up, go potty. Get dressed, Brush hair
7:30	Do Calendar activity. Practice vocabulary words. Do Daffodils, Duck song, learn clouds poem.
7:45	Breakfast
8:00	Table Activities: Playdough. Add fresh new colors, if your playdough is getting old.
8:15	Free Play
9:45	Child picks up toys. Go potty, wash up for snack
10:00	Snack
10:15	Outside time. At some point, lay down in the grass and study the clouds together. Can you see shapes?
11:15	Project: Dip cotton ball into white paint, press onto blue paper. Make pretty cloudy skies. When dry, talk about the shapes you might see in the painted clouds. If interested, print the cloud poem onto the child's painting and hang it in his room or give to an elderly friend.
12:00	Lunch. Go potty, read a story, sing & cuddle
1:00	Nap
3:00	Up from nap. Make bed, go potty, wash.
3:15	Snack
3:30	Outside time: Ride tricycles. Ride through a shallow puddle, and watch the water prints your tires make.
4:30	Come inside. Go potty, wash up, prepare for project.
4:45	Project: Clouds for mobile. Cut out two identical cloud shapes (about 9 inches) from white paper and punch holes around the edge. Child laces two shapes together, using white yarn (stiffen tip with tape). Stuff with wadded up newspaper. Save.
5:15	Clean up. Read a story, free play time
6:00	Dinner
6:30	Put away food, load dishwasher
7:00	Bath time. Get in Pajamas, read stories, or play a quiet game together
8:00	Bed.

Thursday

Date: _____

7:00	Wake up, go potty. Get dressed, Brush hair
7:30	Do Calendar activity. Practice vocabulary words. Sing songs. Do fingerplays. Learn "Little White Duck" to the same tune as "Little Red Snake" from last week.
7:45	Breakfast
8:00	Table Activities: Sink or Float (supervise to minimize splashing)
8:15	Free Play
9:45	Child picks up toys. Go potty, wash up for snack
10:00	Snack
10:15	Outside time. Play with balls. Big balls, small balls, catch, toss, bounce, roll
11:15	Project: Make rainbows. Cut out 9" red circle, 8" orange, 7" yellow, 6" green, 5" blue, and 4" purple circles. Child glues them all together, stacked up matching centers somewhat, so that when cut in half, you have two rainbows. Glue them back to back with a string in the middle to hang. Save for mobile.
12:00	Lunch. Go potty, read a story, sing & cuddle
1:00	Nap
3:00	Up from nap. Make bed, go potty, wash.
3:15	Snack
3:30	Outside time: How is the bean plant coming? Walk to a nursery to look at the pretty bedding plants. Let child pick out a flower she likes to bring home.
4:30	Come inside. Go potty, wash up, prepare for project.
4:45	Project: Paint a small clay pot with tempa paint. When dry, adult sprays with clear varnish to protect design. Tomorrow, child will plant flower in pot.
5:15	Clean up. Read a story, free play time
6:00	Dinner
6:30	Put away food, load dishwasher
7:00	Bath time. Get in Pajamas, read stories, or play a quiet game together
8:00	Bed.

Friday

Date: _____

7:00	Wake up, go potty. Get dressed, Brush hair
7:30	Do Calendar activity. Practice vocabulary words: Sing favorite songs.
7:45	Breakfast
8:00	Table Activities: Puzzles.
8:15	Free Play.
9:45	Child picks up toys. Go potty, wash up for snack
10:00	Snack
10:15	Outside time. Plant flower in yesterday's decorated pot. Then play on slides.
11:15	Project: Kites. Cut diamond shapes from colored paper, about 5"x3". Decorate kites with glitter, stickers, etc. Add a yarn kite tail. Attach to string for mobile. Attach kites, rainbows and clouds to short dowel rods (or use pencils) to make a pretty mobile.
12:00	Lunch. Go potty, read a story, sing & cuddle
1:00	Nap
3:00	Up from nap. Make bed, go potty, wash.
3:15	Snack
3:30	Outside time: Mud Monsters. Mix some dirt and water to make a thick goop. Create a monster from the mud, adding sticks and stones for decorations. Let dry in the sun. Place near child's "garden" – his bean and flower plants.
4:30	Come inside. Go potty, wash up, prepare for project.
4:45	Project: Water play. If very dirty from mud project, play in the bathtub. Otherwise, child may color with markers on blank paper. Talk about the week – about the vocabulary words. About spring, and how the weather is so different now that the snow is gone.
5:15	Clean up. Read a story, free play time
6:00	Dinner
6:30	Put away food, load dishwasher
7:00	Bath time. Get in Pajamas, read stories, or play a quiet game together
8:00	Bed.