

Getting Ready for D - Week

Suggested Books:

(all available in my store, if your library doesn't have them)
 The Bravest Dig Ever: Balto by Natalie Standiford
 Dogs (Usborne Beginners) by Emma Helbrough
 The Five-Dog Night by Eileen Christelow
 Clifford, We Love You by Norman Bridwell
 Santa Paws, Our Hero by Nicholas Edwards
 Biscuit, Storybook Collection by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
 I Love Colors (Hello Reader! Level 1) from Scholastic
 Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion
 No Roses for Harry by Gene Zion
 Sleepy Dog by Harriet Ziefert

Vocabulary Words:

Dog, puppy, obedience, paws, hair, coat, teeth, tongue, back, tail, mouth, shoulder, diamond

Songs and Fingerplays:

How much is that doggie in the window? (arf! arf!)

The one with the waggley tail
 How much is that doggie in the window? (arf! arf!)

I do hope that doggie's for sale!

I don't want a bunny or a kitty
 I don't want a parrot that talks
 I don't want a bowl of little fishies
 I can't take a goldfish for a walk.

Oh where, oh where has my little dog gone?
 Oh where, oh where can he be?
 With his ears cut short, and his tail cut long,
 Oh where oh where can he be!

Call the Puppy

Call the Puppy! (slap hands on thighs and whistle)
 Give him some milk (hold out cupped hands)
 Brush his coat til it shines like silk (pretend to comb dog's fur)
 Call the Puppy (slap hands on thighs and

whistle)
 Give him a bone (hold hand out open)
 Then scoop him up (scoop up dog)
 And take him home! (hug dog)

BINGO

There was a farmer, had a dog
 And Bingo was his name-o!
 B-I-N-G-O! (Three times)
 And Bingo was his name-o!
Found A Diamond - sung to "Clementine"
 Found a diamond, found a diamond,
 Found a diamond in the sand.
 I think I'll make a necklace
 With the diamond in my hand.

Materials to Gather:

Dramatic Play:

Veterinarian- variation on "Doctor". Set out toy stethoscope, white coat, med kit, etc. Set out stuffed animal toys for patients. Use cardboard boxes for pet cages.

Blocks:


Using tiny toy dogs (Safari LTD Dogs Toob), encourage child to build dog kennels. Use doll dishes or acorn caps for dog food dishes. Add small people to walk the dogs, love them, care for them.

Music:

Dog Songs: Celebrating 101 Dalmations
 Songs of Catholicism for Kids by the Dogma Dogs

Projects:

1. Make a simple lotto game using dog stickers. Could use small doggie bones for game tokens, or pennies.
2. Build a dog house to play inside. Use a large cardboard box, or a clean storage container, etc. Set out clean, empty plastic containers for dog food and water dishes. Include an old blanket or quilt for a doggy bed, and a small ball for your "doggy" to play fetch.
3. Dog Puzzles. Print off from one to three pictures of dogs on your printer. (fewer for

- younger children). Cut them apart. Cut in large pieces, cut apart the head, legs, body, tail, etc. Mix up. Set out construction paper, paste. Talk with child about dog parts, and help child to match the legs and body and tail with the head. Child pastes all together on paper. Label the dog breed. Use dog breeds your child is familiar with, and are very different, i.e. Dalmatian, black lab, Irish setter, Chihuahua.
4. Print off copies of student handwriting paper, or purchase paper. Print “D”, and “d” on the lines, for child to trace and copy.
 5. Cut a crown shape for child from construction paper. Cut multiple diamond shaped “jewels” for child to paste to the crown.
 6. Diamond Puzzles: Cut several diamond shapes from colored poster board. Cut each shape into three to five puzzle pieces. Put each puzzle in a zippy bag. Let child put one diamond together, then put away and try the next one. Or, buy a dog puzzle at your child’s skill level.
 7. Choose a dog biscuit recipe, and gather the ingredients for Tuesday.
 8. Find a variety of diamond shapes. Kites, argyle socks, sweaters, wrapping paper, and more. Discuss the shape with child. Set out sticks or chenille stems and help child build diamond shapes.
 9. Two variations: #1 white child’s baseball cap, felt in assorted colors, hot glue gun. If hat is white, cut out long white ears from felt and glue to hat. Let child color black spots on hat and ears. Glue wiggly eyes, a red felt tongue to hat brim. If using brown or black hats, use brown or black felt, and a white fabric paint marker to add details. #2 just cut floppy dog ears from construction paper and glue to a paper strip stapled to fit around child’s head. Let child wear when playing “Puppy”.
 10. Count Four (Calendar time). Collect four of a variety of objects for child to count. Try 4 dog bones, 4 toy dogs, 4 dog collars, 4 dog paw prints, etc.
 11. Rice Table: playing with rice can be an interesting indoor activity for preschoolers. It is nearly as good as sand play, but is easier to sweep or vacuum up. Get the largest container you can stand in your home, and fill with cheap uncooked white rice, like a kiddie splash pool, or a large, shallow plastic storage bin with lid. You can vary this activity by coloring the rice. Put two cups full at a time in a zippy bag along with a splash (about a tablespoon) of rubbing alcohol and a squirt of tempera paint. Zip and squish, then pour into your rice-play table but don’t let child play until the paint has dried- a couple of hours. Continue, using complementary colors until all the rice is finished. Play in the rice with funnels, measuring cups, and more.
 12. Dog Name Tags: Cut a bone-shape out of sturdy paper. Ask child what his “dog name” is, and write it on the shape. Let him decorate. Punch hole, and attach to a piece of yarn. Tie it in a loose circle and let child wear it around his neck as he plays “dog”. Supervise play!
 13. Doggie Faces: Cut a square of construction paper in half diagonally. Fold the two smaller angled corners down to make floppy ears. Draw a dog face. Add a red felt tongue.
 
 14. Shapes match folder game. Get a file folder, and collect from five to ten small objects. Lay them on the file folder so that none are touching. Trace their outline in black marker. Set objects to the side. Child matches object to its correct “spot” by the shape. Simple learning game, easily made, and easily altered to increase skill level.
 15. Dog collage: pictures of dogs from magazines, paste, paper, markers, etc.
 16. Shaving Cream writing practice: shaving cream, soap and water. Spray some shaving cream directly on the table (if washable surface, or on a vinyl tablecloth). Child “writes” the letter Dd in the cream, and rubs it smooth again to “erase”. Easy to wash up, and an interesting texture and smell.
 17. Color sorting dog bones. Some small dog-bone shaped dog biscuits have different colors in the box. They’re not usually bright colors like crayons, but various shades of “brown”. There may be golden brown, orange brown, dark brown, and wheat

brown. Shake out half the box, and encourage child to group similar colors together. Discuss the colors and shades of brown.

18. Clay play. You can make an okay clay out of just white flour and water. Or buy sculpy clay or just use playdough-but that doesn't dry well. Older children can make a dog out of clay- dry it then paint it. Younger children can just explore the clay.
19. Label four paper plates from one to four. Set out box of dog bone snacks. Child places one bone on the "1" plate, etc.
20. Yarn dog: Dog outline, sturdy paper, glue, yarn scraps
- 21.

Recipes:

Puppy Chow (for people)

1/2 cup peanut butter

1/4 cup butter

1 cup chocolate chips

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

9 cups Crispix cereal (any flavor)

1-1/2 cups powdered sugar

Mix peanut butter, butter, and chips in a small pot. Melt and stir. Add vanilla. Pour over cereal in a large mixing bowl and stir until well coated. Sprinkle powdered sugar over all and toss. Cool and store in air-tight bag. Chow down!

(Healthy alternatives: You can eliminate the butter entirely, and substitute sun-butter for hydrogenated peanut butters. You can substitute Chex cereals or Cheerios for the Crispix)

Fresh Breath Dog Biscuits (for dog!)

2 cups brown rice flour

1 Tablespoon activated charcoal (find this at drugstores, not the briquettes!)

3 Tablespoons canola oil

1 egg

1/2 cup chopped fresh mint

1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

2/3 cup lowfat milk

Preheat oven to 400F. Lightly oil a cookie sheet.

Combine flour and charcoal. Add all the other ingredients. Drop teaspoonfuls on oiled sheet, about 1 inch apart. Bake 15-20 minutes. Store in airtight container in the refrigerator.

(Activated charcoal absorbs odors. It is safe to eat, but may interfere with medications. Do not give to dog two hours before or after administering any medication. This recipe is from www.bullwrinkle.com)

People Biscuits (for your child)

People Biscuits

1 1/2 cup flour

2/3 cup milk

1/2 cup shredded cheese

1 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons butter

2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon sugar (or molasses)

1 egg

Raisins

1. Soften the margarine to room temperature.

Mix all of the ingredients except the egg with a fork to form a soft dough.

2. Turn the dough onto a lightly floured surface. Knead 10 times.

3. Roll dough 1/2 inch thick. With a gingerbread man cookie cutter, cut out the dough and placed on a greased cookie sheet.

4. Brush the biscuits with a beaten egg. Add raisin eyes. Bake in 400 degree oven for 20 - 25 minutes until golden brown.

Enjoy your People Biscuits!

D is for Dog Week: Monday

Date: _____

Concepts: Dd, diamond, brown, 4

7:00	Wake up, go potty. Get dressed, Brush hair
7:30	Do Calendar activity; Practice vocabulary words; Teach “Bingo!” Introduce “Dd”, diamond, brown, number 4.
7:45	Breakfast
8:00	Table Activities: Play Dog Breeds lotto.
8:15	Free Play: Set out props in dramatic play, blocks, music, books areas.
9:45	Child picks up toys. Go potty, wash up for snack
10:00	Snack
10:15	Outside time: Build a dog house to play inside. Set out props and play.
11:15	Project: Dog Puzzles.
12:00	Lunch. Go potty, read a story, sing & cuddle
1:00	Nap. If your child is a good napper, and weather cooperates, he might nap in his “dog house”.
3:00	Up from nap. Make bed, go potty, wash.
3:15	Snack: Puppy Chow
3:30	Outside time: Walk your dog! (If child has a dog pull toy, walk that.)
4:30	Table Time: Letter D.
4:45	Project: Diamond Crowns
5:15	Clean up. Read a story, free play time
6:00	Dinner
6:30	Put away food, load dishwasher, Journals
7:00	Bath time. Get in Pajamas, read stories, or play a quiet game together
8:00	Bed.

Di is for dog week: Tuesday

Date: _____

Concepts: Dd, 4, diamond, brown

7:00	Wake up, go potty. Get dressed, Brush hair
7:30	Do Calendar activity. Vocabulary. Teach "Call the Puppy".
7:45	Breakfast
8:00	Table Activities: Dog or Diamond Puzzles
8:15	Free Play
9:45	Child picks up toys. Go potty, wash up for snack
10:00	Snack: Taste some "D" foods. Try Dill pickles, donut holes, dates, deviled eggs, dairy, etc.
10:15	Outside time: Drive a dump truck through the sandbox.
11:15	Project: Bake up some Dog Biscuits for your pooch. (Or make sugar cookies and use a dog bone shaped cutter, if you don't have a dog.)
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 tricycle.
4:30	Table Time: Look at diamond shapes- kites, argyle socks, cable knit sweaters, wrapping paper, etc. discuss two long sides, two short sides, two big angles, two small angles-like a squished rectangle! Make diamonds out of chenille stems or sticks.
4:45	Project: Dog Hat
5:15	Clean up. Read a story, free play time
6:00	Dinner
6:30	Put away food, load dishwasher, Journals
7:00	Bath time. Get in Pajamas, read stories, or play a quiet game together
8:00	Bed.

D is for Dog: Wednesday

Date: _____

Concepts: Dd, diamond, 4, brown

7:00	Wake up, go potty. Get dressed, Brush hair
7:30	Do Calendar activity. Vocabulary, teach “Doggy in the Window”. Review concepts for the week. Count to four. Count 4 dog bones, 4 dog collars, 4 stuffed dogs, etc.
7:45	Breakfast
8:00	Table Activities: Digging for bones. Bury some small bone-shaped dog biscuits in a large bucket full of rice. Let child dig for them, and bury them again.
8:15	Free Play
9:45	Child picks up toys. Go potty, wash up for snack
10:00	Snack
10:15	Outside time. Splash in water, if seasonally appropriate.
11:15	Project: Dog name tags.
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 Continue playing “Dog House” activity from Monday, if interest persists.
4:30	Table Time: Print the number 4 on lined paper, help child trace it and learn to write it. Younger children can form the number 4 out of playdough ropes on a laminated mat.
4:45	Project: Doggie Faces.
5:15	Clean up. Read a story, free play time
6:00	Dinner
6:30	Put away food, load dishwasher, Journals
7:00	Bath time. Get in Pajamas, read stories, or play a quiet game together
8:00	Bed.

D is for Dog: Thursday

Date: _____

Concepts: Diamond, 4, Dd, Brown

7:00	Wake up, go potty. Get dressed, Brush hair
7:30	Do Calendar activity. Teach: Found a Diamond song. Review concepts, songs, & vocabulary.
7:45	Breakfast
8:00	Table Activities: Shape match folder game.
8:15	Free Play
9:45	Child picks up toys. Go potty, wash up for snack
10:00	Snack
10:15	Outside time: Climb.
11:15	Project: Put pictures of dogs near easel. Set out brown and black paint.
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: Play ball, play fetch.
4:30	Table Time: Shaving Cream Writing
4:45	Project: Dog collage. Cut out pictures of dogs from magazines. Let child paste them to paper, and add details with marker. What does a dog need? Water, food, love, exercise, etc.
5:15	Clean up. Read a story, free play time
6:00	Dinner
6:30	Put away food, load dishwasher, Journal
7:00	Bath time. Get in Pajamas, read stories, or play a quiet game together
8:00	Bed.

D is for Dog Week: Friday

Date: _____

Concepts: Diamond, Dd, Brown, 4

7:00	Wake up, go potty. Get dressed, Brush hair
7:30	Do Calendar activity. Review songs, vocabulary, concepts.
7:45	Breakfast
8:00	Table Activities: Sort dog bones by color.
8:15	Free Play.
9:45	Child picks up toys. Go potty, wash up for snack
10:00	Snack
10:15	Outside time. Visit a dog park. See all the different sizes and colors of dogs. Or go to the local animal control and purchase the new license for your dog, or visit a dog shelter.
11:15	Project: Clay Play
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: Last time to play "dog house". Take house down, and put away props.
4:30	Table Time: Counting Bones.
4:45	Project: Draw a simple outline of a dog on sturdy paper. Provide small bits of yard (one inch long). Child can glue yarn to the dog for hair.
5:15	Clean up. Read a story, free play time
6:00	Dinner
6:30	Put away food, load dishwasher, Journal
7:00	Bath time. Get in Pajamas, read stories, or play a quiet game together
8:00	Bed.