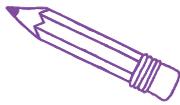


ACTIVITY TIME

Featured Stories Program

books
for
preschoolers



Theme: Summer

Book title: PERFECT

By Danny Parker and Freya Blackwood

Summer fun!

You will need:

- Chalk
- Plastic container or bucket to hold water
- Old paint brushes
- Selection of different sized containers for pouring water.

Instructions:

Here are a range of simple 'Summer' play ideas.

1. Use a container of water and old paintbrushes to 'paint' on a footpath, fence or cubby house. What can you paint? How long does it take to dry out and disappear?
2. Draw with chalk on a footpath or paved area. Or try drawing a hopscotch grid and jumping/hopping. Or trace around your child while they are lying down. Let them draw on clothes or use leaves and flowers for decorations. Wash away with water for an easy clean-up.
3. Fill a tub or bucket with water and use ice-cream containers, measuring cups, spoons, sieves, funnels, or bath toys to explore pouring and imaginary play with water.
4. If you go to the beach take some containers to make different shaped sandcastles. Dig out a moat around your castle and decorate with shells, stones and seaweed.

Further information

Children learn best through play. When they are engaged in fun activities they have exposure to rich language, hands on experiences and the chance to repeat activities. Just as importantly play is the source of laughter, joy, wonder, delight and fabulous memories.

Use lots of describing words while you are playing together. Talk about size, shape, colour, position, speed, time of day, what are they feeling etc. Have fun doing funny voices or silly sounds while talking about your activity together. If your child wants to change the activity you are doing together, then give their idea a go! Structured and unstructured play are both essential for children to learn about their world and explore their own ideas or questions.

Songs:

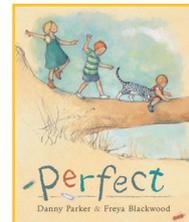
Sing your favourite action songs such as *Hokey Pokey*, *Ring-a-Rosie* and *Heads Shoulders Knees and Toes*.

Key message

The brain develops through use.

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Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

