

April 2008

Week of the Young Child– April 13-19

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Make copies of this calendar and share it with parents and other early childhood educators!</i>		<i>1 April Fools Day Do a silly joke for your child.</i>	<i>2 Make some home-made instruments and march in a parade.</i>	<i>3 Blow colored bubbles outside on the sidewalk.</i>	<i>4 Make a bird feeder from a pinecone and hang from a tree.</i>	<i>5 Make a fort out of blankets with your child.</i>
<i>6 Let a child crawl into your lap and read a favorite book.</i>	<i>7 Turn off the TV and play a board game with your child.</i>	<i>8 Plant a flower and let the children take care of the flower.</i>	<i>9 Make a new batch of playdough. Try adding Kool-Aid for a new scent.</i>	<i>10 Parent Appreciation Day! (do something special for you)</i>	<i>11 Make an obstacle course and allow your child to crawl through it.</i>	<i>12 Give someone special a call just to say I love you!</i>
<i>13 Week of the Young Child</i>	<i>14 Spread a blanket on the floor and have an indoor picnic.</i>	<i>15 Prepare a new batch of gunk.</i>	<i>16 HUG DAY! Give someone special a hug.</i>	<i>17 Go for a garbage walk in your community.</i>	<i>18 Child Care Professionals Day</i>	<i>19 SAEYC Appreciation Luncheon</i>
<i>20 Read a favorite book with your child before bedtime.</i>	<i>21 Paint your child's hands and feet-use them for stamping.</i>	<i>22 Have you giggled with your child today?</i>	<i>23 Make a card for a relative or friend with your children.</i>	<i>24 Color with sidewalk chalk.</i>	<i>25 Enjoy a family movie.</i>	<i>26 Let your children plan a fun day for the family.</i>
<i>27 Look at baby pictures of yourself with your child.</i>	<i>28 Try to get through the entire day without saying "hurry up" to your child.</i>	<i>29 Play some music and dance with your child.</i>	<i>30 Bake some cookies or cake with your child.</i>			

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Here are some recipes or instructions for activities on the Week of the Young Child Calendar:

April 3: Put food coloring in Bubble Solution and blow bubbles on the sidewalk for the bubbles to show on the sidewalk.

April 4: Bird Feeder

Get a pinecone and spread peanut butter all around the pinecone. Then roll the pinecone in birdseed and tie a piece of string to it to hang from a tree.

April 9: Play Dough

2 cups Flour food coloring
1 cup Salt 2 cups water
2 T. Cream of tarter
2 T. Oil

Combine all ingredients in large sauce pan and mix well. Bring to a boil on medium low heat and stir constantly until the mixture pulls away from the sides of the pan and forms a ball. Knead until smooth. Cool. Place in a Ziplock bag.

April 15: Gunk

1/2 cup cornstarch
1/2 cup water
food coloring

*Mix with fingers to appropriate consistency.