Childcare Network

monthly newsletter July 2011

When: Tuesday, July 12th @ 7:00pm

Where: Johnny Carino's
2310 South Louise Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

What: We will be meeting out on the patio at Johnny Carino's treating ourselves to a fine meal and some adult conversation. Please RSVP by 11 pm, July 11th so you can be assured to sit with the network group.

Sensory Water Fun!

Gotta love my sea anemones. If you can, add measuring cups and spoons. Discovery Toys has them volumetrically proportionate providing a fun math exercise. Ask your children to predict if objects will float or sink.

Have your children add food coloring to the water (blue cloud in the pink water to the right) asking them to watch the liquid particles disperse. Add some wave action and you should hear some squeals. Place medicine pipettes or turkey basters nearby for added fun. Playing with these will help children form those muscles in the palm of their hand needed for writing. ***Water play***…always a winner in any child care setting.

A Moment of Fun in Family Child Care...

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Jelly Fish

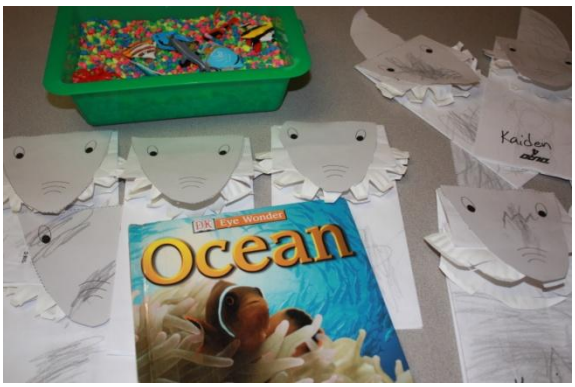
Glide into the ocean with this silky jelly fish. Tape some silky yarn and bubble wrap inside a paper muffin cup. Add more yarn on top to allow your jelly fish to hang in your childcare setting and later in the child's home. Visit your library and check out this book and others by Dorling Kindersley.

A Ship's Porthole

Inside CD paper protectors tuck aquarium gravel, colored yarn for sea weed, and fish or ocean stickers making an under the sea oceanic window. Read your children, "I'm the biggest Thing in the Ocean" by Kevin Sherry, also available in your local library.

Great White Sharks

Watch your back while in the water with these great white sharks. Place a triangle shaped head on the top of a white lunch sack adding facial details. The teeth can be made by cutting notches in a small paper plate, folded in half, and glued under the fold of the lunch sack.



Ocean Melodies!

Down By the Sea

Sung to: Boop Boop Dida Dida Wada Choo... (You know: Three little fishies and a mama fishie too!)

Down by the sea
At the beautiful sea
I see a big blue whale lookin at me
I see a shark
And a starfish lookin at me too!
Down by the sea
The beautiful sea!
Have the children tell you what is looking at them down by the sea.

Swimming in the Sea

Sung to: "Doo-wa diddy diddy"

There I was just swimming in the sea
singing oooo wah diddy diddy dum diddy dee
All the sudden there's a dolphin next to me
singing ooo wah diddy diddy dum diddy dee

She swam fast
she swam fast
she dove deep
she dove deep
she swam fast dove deep
Hey this dolphin's pretty neat!!
do wah diddy diddy dum diddy dee

Dolphin-swimming
Crab-pinching
whale - breaching
shark swimming
mermaids plug nose and shimmy down

Down by the Shore

Sung to: "Down by the Bay"

Down by the shore
In the sand and the sun
I like to dive and splash and run
and as the waves
roll out and in
I'll get warm in the sun
and have lots of fun

Down by the shore

I Went Swimming in the Ocean

Sung to: "I've Been Working on the Railroad"

I went swimming in the ocean
On a summer day.
I went swimming in the ocean
And kicked, and splashed and played.
After lunch we looked for seashells
I found three or four
You can hold one up to your ear.
And hear the ocean roar.
Hear the ocean roar
Hear the ocean roar.
You can hear the ocean roar, roar, roar.
Hear the ocean roar
Hear the ocean roar
Hear the ocean roar, roar, roar.

Networking Opportunities

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SECCN Summer Vacation – Month of August

During the month of August, SECCN will be taking a much needed summer break. We will not be meeting this month.

Mark your Calendars for a great opportunity Tuesday, Sept. 13th. We will be given a workshop by the nonprofit organization, ***Time 2 Shine***. They are going to impart their wisdom when working with children with autism and developmental delays in communication, social and play skills, daily living skills, fine motor skills and sensory needs. The workshop will be provided onsite of their facility.

We will be receiving credit hours towards the City and State requirement. Certificates will be handed out at the end of the workshop. More information will follow in upcoming newsletters.

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Take a moment and navigate our network website. It is jam packed with resources and past newsletters that are helpful to your child care business. Chat with us on our forum. We are a friendly group. http://sechildcarenetwork.com/Providers.html

Please feel free to share any networking or programming ideas that come to mind. We encourage and look for new authors for our newsletter as well.

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