

PRIMARY



homeschool planner

10 THEMES TO ENCOURAGE
HANDS-ON LEARNING & PLAY



WEEK: _____

THEME: _____

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
LITERACY					
MATH					

TO DO:

- _____ _____ _____
- _____ _____ _____
- _____ _____ _____

SUPPLIES:

- _____ _____ _____
- _____ _____ _____
- _____ _____ _____
- _____ _____ _____

NOTES:

APPLES

READ ALOUDS

- [Turning Apples into Applesauce](#) by Wendy A. Reynolds
- [Apple Pie ABC](#) by Alison Murray
- [Secrets of the Apple Tree](#) by Carron Brown
- [An Apple Tree's Life Cycle](#) by Mary R. Dunn
- [Apples and Pumpkins](#) by Anne Rockwell

SONGS/MOVEMENT

- [Way up High in an Apple Tree](#)
- [Farmer Brown had 5 Red Apples](#)
- [Once I Climbed the Apple Tree](#)

ARTS & CRAFTS

- Drawing apples: [Art for kids hub](#)
- [Pointillism apples](#)
- [Kandinsky inspired apple art](#)

SCIENCE

- [Apple investigation](#)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Recipe: [Apple chips](#)
- [Make apple pie play dough](#)
- Make apple butter, apple pie, applesauce, etc.

FIELD TRIP IDEAS

- Apple orchard
- A factory where apple butter, apple cider, or apple juice are made

NOTES

LEAVES

READ ALOUDS

- [Leaves](#) by David Ezra Stein
- [Fall Leaves: Colorful and Crunchy](#) by Martha E. H. Rustad
- [There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves!](#) by Lucille Colandro
- [Leaf Trouble](#) by Jonathan Emmett
- [Leaf Man](#) by Lois Ehlert

SONGS/MOVEMENT

- [Autumn Leaves are Falling Down](#)
- [Kids Yoga for Autumn](#)

ARTS & CRAFTS

- [Watercolor fall leaf](#)
- [Zentangle fall leaf](#)
- [Fall leaf spray painting](#)
- [Texture and pattern fall leaf](#)
- [Chalk fall leaves](#)
- [How to draw fall leaves](#)

SCIENCE

- Experiment: [Why do leaves change color?](#)
- [Leaf scavenger hunt](#)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- [Nature smash painting](#)

FIELD TRIP IDEAS

- Hike at a state or national park
- Explore a new playground
- Take a walk and collect leaves

NOTES

PUMPKINS

READ ALOUDS

- [Seed, Sprout, Pumpkin, Pie](#) by Jill Esbaum
- [Pumpkin Jack](#) by Will Hubbell
- [The Biggest Pumpkin Ever](#) by Steven Kroll
- [Pumpkin Hill](#) by Elizabeth Spurr
- [Little Boo](#) by Stephen Wunderli
- [How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?](#) by Margaret McNamara

SONGS/MOVEMENT

- [I Picked One Pumpkin](#)
- [Pumpkin Man Dance](#)
- [The Pumpkin Pie Song](#)
- Yoga: [A Halloween Cosmic Kids Yoga Adventure](#)

ARTS & CRAFTS

- [Draw and color a pumpkin](#) (oil pastels)
- [Glue resist pumpkin art](#)
- [Textured pumpkins](#) (crayon rubbings)

SCIENCE

- [Grow a pumpkin plant](#)
- [Dissolving candy pumpkins](#)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- [Make your own pumpkin spice playdough](#)
- Recipe: [Roasted pumpkin seeds](#)
- Recipe: [Pumpkin bread](#)

FIELD TRIP IDEAS

- Pumpkin patch
- A fall festival

NOTES

THE NUTCRACKER

READ ALOUDS

- [The Nutcracker](#) by Susan Jeffers
- [Mary Engelbreit's Nutcracker](#)
- [Waltz of the Snowflakes](#) by Elly MacKay
- [Jan Brett's the Nutcracker](#)
- [The Nutcracker's Night Before Christmas](#) by Keith Brockett

SONGS/MOVEMENT

- [Watch the dance of the sugar plum fairy](#)
- [Sugar plum fairy: Scarf dance](#)
- [Creative movement activity](#)
- [Watch the Russian dance](#)
- [Learn to dance to the dance of the super plum fairy](#)

ARTS & CRAFTS

- [Make a sugar plum fairy wand](#)
- [Nutcracker paper dolls](#)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Create [Nutcracker puppets](#). Use puppets to act out the Nutcracker.
- [Make a paper plate tambourine](#). [Watch the orchestra](#), and play along with your tambourine.
- Make paper snowflakes. Listen to the music from [the dance of the snowflakes](#) and dance with your snowflake.

FIELD TRIP IDEAS

- Attend a performance of The Nutcracker
- Symphony or orchestra

NOTES

SNOW

READ ALOUDS

- [Snowmen at Night](#) by Caralyn Buehner
- [A Loud Winter's Nap](#) by Katy Hudson
- [The Thing about Yetis](#) by Vin Vogel
- [Got to Get to Bear's!](#) by Brian Lies
- [The Mitten](#) by Jan Brett
- [The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder](#) by Mark Cassino

SONGS/MOVEMENT

- [I'm a Little Snowman](#)
- [5 Little Snowmen](#)
- [Chubby Little Snowman](#)
- [Hot Chocolate](#)
- [Brrrrrrrrr](#)

ARTS & CRAFTS

- [Build your own snowman](#)
- [Magic salt and watercolor snowflake art](#)
- [Bleeding tissue paper art](#)
- [Northern Lights art project](#)

SCIENCE

- Nature walk: [Winter forest scavenger hunt](#)
- [Snowstorm in a jar](#)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- [Snowflakes with marshmallows and toothpicks](#)
- [2 ingredient fake snow](#)

FIELD TRIP IDEAS

- Ice skating
- Ice festival

NOTES

PENGUINS

READ ALOUDS

- [National Geographic Readers: Penguins!](#)
- [Penguin Problems](#) by Jory John
- [A Penguin Story](#) by Antoinette Portis
- [Tacky the Penguin](#) by Helen Lester

SONGS/MOVEMENT

- [Peter Penguin](#)
- [Waddle Waddle](#)
- [Penguin dance](#)
- Yoga: [Cosmic kids: Penguin adventure](#)

ARTS & CRAFTS

- [Shape penguin](#) craft
- [Paint a penguin](#) tutorial
- [P is for penguin](#) craft

SCIENCE

- Experiment: [How do penguins stay dry?](#)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- [Roll-a-Penguin playdough activity mat](#)

FIELD TRIP IDEAS

- Zoo
- Aquarium
- Ice skating

NOTES

PLANTS & SEEDS

READ ALOUDS

- [My Garden](#) by Kevin Henkes
- [The Bad Seed](#) by Jory John
- [National Geographic Readers: Seed to Plant](#) by Kristin Baird Rattini
- [A Seed Is Sleepy](#) by Dianna Aston
- [Planting a Rainbow](#) by Lois Ehlert

SONGS/MOVEMENT

- [Can you plant a bean?](#)
- [Parts of a plant song](#)
- [Way up high in the apple tree](#)

ARTS & CRAFTS

- [Name bean collage](#)
- [Magical blooming paper flowers](#)
- [Thumbprint dandelion craft](#)

SCIENCE

- [Baggie greenhouses](#)
- [Grow a window garden](#)
- [Kitchen scrap planter](#)
- Nature walk: Collect different kinds of seeds

FIELD TRIP IDEAS

- Local farm
- Orchard
- Community garden
- Greenhouse
- Botanical garden
- Garden or farm show

NOTES

BUGS & INSECTS

READ ALOUDS

- [Bob and Otto](#) by Robert O. Bruel
- [I love bugs!](#) by Philemon Sturges
- [An ant's day off](#) by Bonny Becker
- [Some bugs](#) by Angela DiTerlizzi
- [Buzz](#) by Eileen Spinelli

SONGS/MOVEMENT

- [Roly Poly Caterpillar](#)
- [Bug-n-Roll](#)
- [Wiggle it](#)
- [Bugs & crawly things](#)
- [Here is the beehive](#)

ARTS & CRAFTS

- [Bandaid fireflies](#)
- [Shaving cream butterfly art](#)

SCIENCE

- Nature walk: [Bug scavenger hunt](#)
- [Watch caterpillars turn into butterflies](#)
- [Grow an ant farm](#)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- [Buzzing bee snack bags](#)
- [Snacktivity: Yummy bugs](#)
- [Butterfly life cycle snack](#)
- [Ants on a log variations](#)
- [Churro honeycomb snack mix](#)

FIELD TRIP IDEAS

- Butterfly or pollinator garden
- Butterfly exhibit at a zoo or game preserve
- Hike at a state or national park
- Beehive tour

NOTES

OCEAN ANIMALS

READ ALOUDS

- [Sophie's Fish](#) by A.E. Cannon
- [The Octopuppy](#) by Martin McKenna
- [Shark Kiss, Octopus Hug](#) by Lynn Rowe Reed
- [A Whale in the Bathtub](#) by Kylie Westaway
- [Don't Worry, Little Crab](#) by Chris Haughton

SONGS/MOVEMENT

- [The goldfish](#)
- Baby Beluga ([book](#) with [song](#))
- [Sharks in the water!](#)
- [Jellyfish song](#)
- Yoga: [Under the Sea](#)

ARTS & CRAFTS

- [Whale suncatchers](#)
- [Seashell painting](#)
- [Seahorse art project](#)
- [Whale art project](#)

SCIENCE

- [Blubber gloves](#)

FIELD TRIP IDEAS

- Aquarium
- Beach
- Swimming at a local pool or lake

NOTES

MORE THEME IDEAS:

LITTLE CHEMISTS

The basis of this unit is the [Chemistry play lab](#), by KiwiCo. This kit is the perfect way to get kids used to working with chemistry equipment such as flasks, beakers, and test tubes, in a safe and playful way. It includes a full color, easy-to-read instruction manual, with 11 different experiments to try.



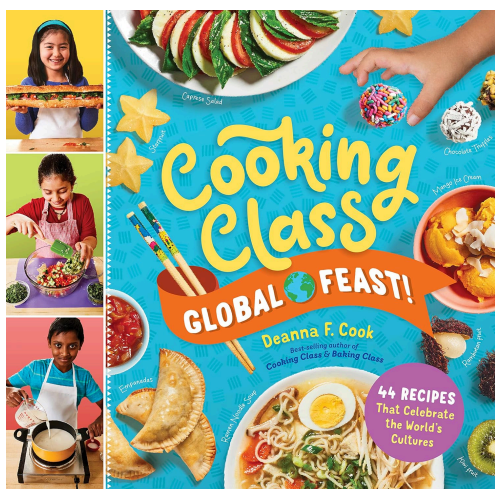
FAMOUS ARTIST

This is an incredible free resource, available from [The Crafty Classroom](#). Here you'll find a series of tutorials for kids to create artwork in the styles of famous artists.

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS

This bundle, available for sale from [The Crafty Classroom](#), would make a fun holiday theme during the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving and Christmas. Both sets include tons of hands-on activities, including math games, art projects and science experiments.





COOKING AROUND THE WORLD

[This book](#) is not just a cookbook. It is bursting with interesting facts and colorful tidbits about each country. It even includes a fun food passport, language flashcards, and flag stickers to go along with each recipe. The recipes are kid-friendly as well: easy to make and delicious!

THE BIBLE

[The Beginner's Bible](#) is a great Bible storybook for young kids, and pairs perfectly with The Beginner's Bible Sticker and Activity books to make learning more hands-on for little ones. These short and sweet activity books are full of color, and provide opportunities to discuss each Bible story in more depth after it's been read.

- [Wild about creation](#)
- [A Christmas celebration](#)
- [Amazing miracles of the Bible](#)
- [All about Jesus](#)
- [Come celebrate Easter](#)
- [Animals of the Bible](#)

