

## Month: July Week: 4 Subject: Approaches to Play & Learning

Day 1	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Camping Under the Stars Number: 2 Letter: Uu	APL1.1 Demonstrate initiative and self-direction
	Color: Green Shape: Star	APL2.1 Demonstrate development of flexible thinking during play
Indicators		
	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	Explores materials independently with occasional guidance.	Makes purposeful choices during pretend play and adapts ideas when needed.

Activity: Tent Setup & Lantern Exploration

Invite children to help set up a small classroom tent or blanket fort. Provide play lanterns or flashlights for children to explore the darkened space. Encourage them to choose roles (camper, leader, animal) and create their own stories while playing. Children will show initiative and flexible thinking as they build and adjust the environment.

Resources/Materials	Key Vocabulary: tent, light, inside	Support:
<ul> <li>Camping props</li> </ul>		





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Day 2	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Camping Under the Stars Number: 2 Letter: Uu	APL1.2 Demonstrate interest and curiosity as a learner
	Color: Green Shape: Star	APL3.1 Demonstrate development of sustained attention and persistence
Indicators		
	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	Follows a simple search or task with teacher support.	Completes a scavenger hunt independently and stays focused on finding items.

### Activity: Flashcard Camping Scavenger Hunt

Hide camping vocabulary flashcards around the classroom. Give each child a checklist or visuals to match as they find each word card. Encourage children to keep looking and to celebrate when they find all of them. This activity encourages curiosity, active learning, and sustained attention through movement and play.

Resources/Materials	Key Vocabulary: find, card, match	Support: FLASHCARDS
• Basket of bags		In the forest Camping





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Day 3	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Camping Under the Stars Number: 2 Letter: Uu	APL2.1 Demonstrate development of flexible thinking during play
	Color: Green Shape: Star	APL4.1 Demonstrate development of social interactions during play
Indicators		
	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	Begins to join group pretend play with support.	Builds stories with peers and adapts roles during play.

Activity: Campfire Role Play

Create a pretend campfire circle with logs (pillows), a tissue-paper flame, and sticks for marshmallows. Invite children to gather and take on different roles: camper, storyteller, cook, or forest animal. Encourage dialogue and collaboration as they build a shared play scenario. Teachers can model flexible storytelling and encourage turn-taking.

Resources/Materials  • Pretend fire setup  • Sticks, paper marshmallows	Key Vocabulary: fire, camper, role	Support:
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Indicators		
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	Explore books with interest in a quiet area.	Sustains attention to self-chosen books and may retell story parts.

Activity: Flashlight Reading Nook

Set up a quiet corner with blankets, pillows, and flashlights. Provide a basket of camping or nature-themed books. Children choose books and use their flashlights to "read in the dark," just like on a real camping trip. This encourages focused attention, independence, and joy in reading.

Resources/Materials	Key Vocabulary:	Support:
<ul><li>Books</li></ul>	read, book, light	
<ul> <li>Flashlights</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Blankets</li> </ul>		





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Day 5	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
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	Letter: Uu Color: Green Shape: Star	APL4.1 Demonstrate development of social interactions during play
Indicators		
	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	Chooses preferred activity with guidance.	Makes purposeful choices and engages in group activities with peers.

Activity: Free Choice Camp Stations

Offer several open-ended play stations inspired by camping (e.g., tent station, nature table, storytelling area, sensory bin with leaves and rocks). Let children choose where and how to play. Teachers can observe how children take initiative, interact with peers, and use imagination to drive play.

Resources/Materials	Key Vocabulary:	Support:
<ul><li>Nature items</li><li>Sensory bins</li><li>Puppets</li></ul>	choose, play, explore	••

