



Month: August Week: 2 Subject: Approaches to Play & Learning

Day 1	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Fishing for Fun Number: 5 Letter: Xx Color: Silver Shape: Heart	APL4.1 Demonstrate development of social interactions during play
Indicators	Younger Preschool	
	May role play fishing with guidance.	May take on roles and negotiate play with peers.

Activity: Dramatic Play Fishing Dock

Children will pretend to fish at a dock set up in the dramatic play center. Props like toy poles, buckets, and tickets will be provided. Younger preschoolers may simply pretend to fish, while older preschoolers will extend the play by creating stories, rules, or roles such as “fisher,” “shop owner,” or “customer.” The teacher will support cooperative play and encourage children to solve conflicts independently.

Resources/Materials	Key Vocabulary: play, fish, dock	Support:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toy fishing poles and buckets• Pretend tickets and basket		

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Day 2	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Fishing for Fun Number: 5 Letter: Xx Color: Silver Shape: Heart	APL1.1 Demonstrate initiative and self-direction APL2.1 Demonstrate development of flexible thinking during play
Indicators	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	May attempt to connect two objects to make a fishing tool.	May design a fishing pole with multiple parts and explain how it works.

Activity: STEM - Build a Fishing Pole

Children will be invited to build their own fishing poles using classroom materials. Younger preschoolers may simply attach yarn to a stick, while older preschoolers experiment with clips, magnets, or paper hooks. The teacher will ask guiding questions like, "How will your pole catch a fish?" Children will test their creations with paper fish in a tub or basket. This activity develops problem-solving and flexible thinking.

Resources/Materials	Key Vocabulary: build, pole, hook	Support:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sticks, yarn, clips or magnets• Paper fish cutouts• Tape and scissors		

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Day 3	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Fishing for Fun Number: 5 Letter: Xx Color: Silver Shape: Heart	APL3.1 Demonstrate development of sustained attention and persistence
Indicators	Younger Preschool May complete simple puzzles with teacher support.	Older Preschool May complete multi-piece puzzles independently.

Activity: Fish Puzzle Challenge

Children will work on fish-themed puzzles at the table. Younger preschoolers may focus on matching simple 2-4 piece puzzles, while older preschoolers tackle more complex ones. The teacher will encourage persistence by saying, “Keep trying, you can do it.” Children will share their finished puzzles with the group to build confidence. This supports concentration, persistence, and fine motor skills.

Resources/Materials	Key Vocabulary: puzzle, piece, try	Support:
• Fish puzzles (various levels)		

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Day 4	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)				
	Theme: Fishing for Fun Number: 5 Letter: Xx Color: Silver Shape: Heart	APL1.2 Demonstrate interest and curiosity as a learner APL4.1 Demonstrate development of social interactions during play				
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Activity: Sensory Table - Fishing Adventure

The sensory table will be filled with water, toy fish, rocks, and nets. Younger preschoolers may scoop, pour, and catch fish, while older preschoolers create pretend fishing adventures with friends. The teacher will observe and ask questions such as, "What are you catching today?" This open-ended play fosters creativity, exploration, and cooperation.

Resources/Materials	Key Vocabulary: water, play, fish	Support:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sensory table with water• Toy fish and nets• Cups and scoops		

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Day 5	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Fishing for Fun Number: 5 Letter: Xx Color: Silver Shape: Heart	APL2.1 Demonstrate development of flexible thinking during play APL3.1 Demonstrate development of sustained attention and persistence
Indicators	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	May roll and press playdough into simple fish shapes.	May create detailed fish and tell a story about them.

Activity: Playdough Ocean - Create and Tell a Story

Children will use playdough to create an ocean scene with fish, waves, and plants. Younger preschoolers will focus on simple shapes, while older preschoolers add details and create short stories about their creations. The teacher will encourage storytelling by asking, "What is your fish doing in the ocean?" This activity builds imagination, persistence, and flexible thinking.

Resources/Materials	Key Vocabulary: fish, ocean, make	Support:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Playdough in multiple colors• Tools (rollers, cutters)		