

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

Day 1	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Outdoor Explorers Number: 17 Letter: Pp Color: Yellow Shape: Pentagon	APL1.1 Demonstrate initiative and self-direction
Indicators		
	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	May explore new play materials with adult encouragement.	May choose materials and create their own adventure stories.
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Activity: Adventure Play

Set up a dramatic play space with binoculars, pretend maps, backpacks, and natural items. Invite children to create their own explorer stories and act them out. Encourage role play with peers and ask open-ended questions about their journey.

Resources/Materials • Explorer props	Key Vocabulary: explore, play, map	Support:
Blocks or tents		





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Day 2	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Outdoor Explorers Number: 17 Letter: Pp Color: Yellow Shape: Pentagon	APL2.1 Demonstrate development of flexible thinking during play
Indicators		
Indicators	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	May move through obstacles with guidance.	May adapt strategies to complete the course independently.

Activity: Explorer Obstacle Course

Create a course using cones, tunnels, stumps, or balance beams. Pretend the children are hiking through the forest or crossing rivers. Encourage flexible thinking with challenges like "Find a new way to cross." Offer encouragement as they complete it.

Resources/Materials • Outdoor play equipment	Key Vocabulary: climb, balance, try	Support:
• Cones, mats, tunnels		





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Day 3	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Outdoor Explorers Number: 17 Letter: Pp Color: Yellow Shape: Pentagon	APL2.1 Demonstrate development of flexible thinking during play
Indicators		
	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	May answer simple "what if" questions with gestures or short phrases.	May use creative problem solving in storytelling or group play.

Activity: "What If?" Game

Pose open-ended scenarios: "What if it started raining on your hike?" or "What if your map blew away?" Children respond with creative solutions using drawings, props, or dramatic play. Encourage collaboration and varied thinking.

Resources/Materials • Scenario cards	Key Vocabulary: what, if, think	Support:
 Props or drawing materials 		





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Day 4	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Outdoor Explorers Number: 17 Letter: Pp Color: Yellow Shape: Pentagon	APL1.1 Demonstrate initiative and self-direction
Indicators		
	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	May follow peers or contribute to a group task with support.	May take turns, lead, or support peers during cooperative play.

Activity: Work Together Hike

Plan a pretend hike where children take turns leading the group and choosing where to go. Give each child a simple job (carry a pretend map, spot signs, or cheer others on). Emphasize teamwork and problem-solving when choosing paths.

Resources/Materials • Trail signs or symbols	Key Vocabulary: team, lead, help	Support:
Map and role cards		





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Day 5	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: Outdoor Explorers Number: 17 Letter: Pp Color: Yellow Shape: Pentagon	APL1.2 Demonstrate interest and curiosity as a learner
Indicators		
	Younger Preschool	Older Preschool
	May dress up and explore a play space with interest.	May plan, carry out, and narrate a pretend explorer experience.

Activity: Pretend Explorer Day

Allow children to dress as explorers and engage in a full-day imaginative experience. Set up play zones like "Mountain Crossing" or "Bug Field." Encourage use of explorer vocabulary and storytelling throughout the day.

Resources/Materials • Explorer vests, hats, binoculars	Key Vocabulary: explore, pretend, journey	Support:
• Zone signs and props		

