

# PRESCHOOL

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Smart Activities



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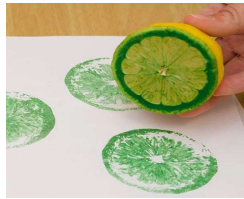
## Lemon Wedges

**Materials:** washable paint, fresh lemons, paper, plates

**Preparation:** Wash and cut a fresh lemon in half.

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Encourage your child to dip a lemon half in the paint and put a lemon print on the paper.
3. Once your child's artwork dries, display the creation in your home.
4. While painting, discuss with your child the color, texture, smell, and taste of the lemons.



## Ice Cream in a Bag

**Materials:** half and half, sugar, vanilla, 2 sandwich or quart sized baggies, gallon sized baggie, salt (larger salt like rock salt works best), ice (around 5 cups), gloves or small towel, internet access, website:

<https://www.playdoughtoplato.com/kids-science-ice-cream-in-a-bag/>

**Preparation:** Preview website for detailed directions and step-by-step pictures.

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Using the materials provided along with the directions found at the website, complete the steps to make individual servings of ice cream.
3. After making the ice cream, allow your child to top his/her creation with toppings.

## I See Summer

by Charles Ghinga

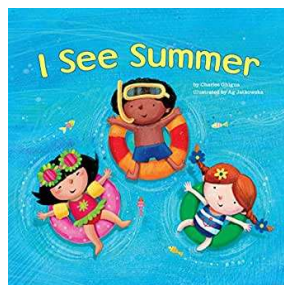
**Materials:** internet access, website:

<https://youtu.be/bTmJYJplghk>

**Preparation:** Preview video.

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to listen to this story with you.
2. After listening to the read aloud book, discuss some of the things you saw in the story, ex: the changes that come along with summer, foods we eat during the summer, etc.

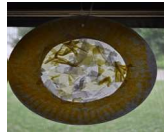


## Paper Plate Sun Catcher

**Materials:** paper plate, scissors, markers, clear adhesive shelf paper (or clear packing tape), tissue paper, yarn or string, hole punch

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Cut a hole in the center of the plate and encourage your child to color the plate.
3. Place a square piece of clear adhesive shelf paper (sticky side up) under the plate. Press the plate down.
4. Tear bits of tissue paper and stick onto the adhesive paper. If you don't have clear adhesive paper, clear packing tape would work too.
5. Poke a hole, thread a piece of yarn or string, and hang the creation in a window!



## Edible Sunshine

**Materials:** oranges, raisins, small pretzel sticks

**Preparation:** Cut oranges into slices.

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Using the materials, encourage your child to place pretzel sticks around the orange slices and use raisins to make a facial expression of your child's choice.
3. Enjoy the snack together.



## The Night Before Summer Vacation

by Natasha Wing

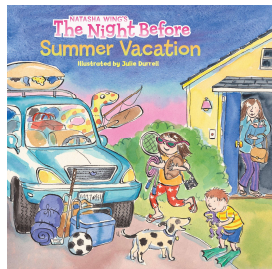
**Materials:** internet access, website:

<https://youtu.be/8nsJgBr-lzs>

**Preparation:** Preview video.

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to listen to this story with you.
2. After listening to the story, discuss with your child the things that happened in the story, ex: "What were some of the items the family packed?" "What did they forget?"



## Ice Cream Counting

**Materials:** ice cream cones, colored pom-poms

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Using the ice cream cones, encourage your child to place the desired number of pom-poms into each cone.
3. Add variety to the activity by assigning each cone a number and allowing your child to independently count out the pom-poms.



## Sun Visors

**Materials:** paper plates, scissors, yarn, art materials

**Preparation:** Cut the paper plate in half and punch holes into the sides.

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Have your child color and decorate the paper plate half which will serve as a visor.
3. After the visor is decorated, tie a band, using yarn, that will fit securely around your child's head.
4. Wear the completed visor when outdoors during warm days.



## Pete the Cat Goes Camping

by James Dean

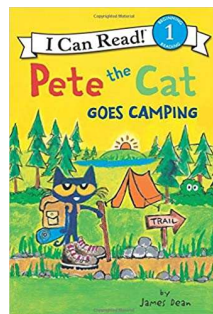
**Materials:** internet access, website:

<https://youtu.be/Z9c8bKE7K44>

**Preparation:** Preview video.

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to listen to this story with you.
2. After listening to the story, discuss with your child what Pete did when he went camping, what he wore to camp, and the things he took with him.



## Watermelon Torn Art

**Materials:** construction paper (red, green, and black), glue

**Preparation:** Tear all construction paper into pieces.

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Give your child the construction paper pieces, encourage your child to make a watermelon in whatever way he/she desires.



## Homemade Popsicles

**Materials:** lemonade, popsicle sticks, candy, muffin tin or popsicle mold

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Using candy and the lemonade of your child's choice, encourage him/her to make popsicles.
3. Allow popsicles to freeze.
4. Enjoy!



## Summer Sun Risin'

by W. Nikola-Lisa

**Materials:** internet access, website:

<https://youtu.be/q0tY6LTr3Bw>

**Preparation:** Preview video.

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to listen to this story with you.
2. After reading the story, discuss with your child the things that happened on the farm, what tasks were completed, and what was the feeling on the farm.



## Sponge Painting

**Materials:** paint, sponges, paper

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Using the sponges, encourage your child to create his/her own masterpieces.
3. Display sponge paintings in the place of your child's choice.



## Jell-O Painting Party

**Materials:** wade pool or large container, Jell-O

**Preparation:** Make several batches of Jell-O.

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. When Jell-O is firm, place in the pool and encourage your child to explore the Jell-O using his/her fingers or any other tools that are safe.



## The Bravest Fish

by Matt Buckingham

**Materials:** internet access, website:

<https://youtu.be/x9qCa0wntIY>

**Preparation:** Preview video.

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to listen to this story with you.
2. After listening to the story, discuss the things Stanley saw during his journey, how he got reunited with his family, and encourage your child to name some of the characters in the story.

