

Weekly Activity Plan - Week #3 - Let's Explore Patterns

	Large Group Activity	Small Group Activity	Small Group Activity	Infant Activity	Outside Activity	Transition	Interest Area Materials
DAY 1	Go for a hunt both inside and out and look for patterns.	Create collages with patterned wrapping paper.	Play Polka Dot Toss with construction paper circles and beanbags.	Use bubble wrap and fingerpaint to create patterns through art.	Look for patterns on trees, flowers, rocks, etc. Take photos of patterns children find.	Have the children look for (and point out) patterns as they move from activity to activity today.	
DAY 2	Use paper plates & tape to make patterns on the floor. Follow patterns while moving to music and singing.	Create patterns while stamp painting.	Use wire cooling racks, unwrapped crayons and paper to create patterns.	Create tactile pattern strips using dried colored glue drops. Explore.	Use sidewalk chalk to create patterns for children to follow when outdoors.	Sing the song, "Patterns, Patterns All Around" when moving from activity to activity today.	
DAY 3	Use Zack the Zoologist to introduce patterns on animals (spots & stripes). Compare/contrast.	Create paper bag vests for striped/ spotted animals and then wear for dramatic play.	Play the game, "Count the Stripes."	Have stripes & spots tummy time with plush animals.	Look for patterns on birds, insects, etc. when playing outdoors.	Have the children pretend to be their favorite striped or spotted animals when moving from activity to activity.	
DAY 4	Use Zack to explore more animals with spots or stripes. Play the game, "Pretend to Be..." where children act out striped/ spotted animals.	Introduce the Let's Pattern! Teaching Tool. Practice copying, extending & creating patterns.	Make snakes with playdough and use plastic forks/ unsharpened pencils to create patterns in the dough.	Create an edible caterpillar using fruits. The "caterpillar" will have a pattern the infant can then eat.	Look for caterpillars and ladybugs when playing outdoors.	Have the children pretend to be caterpillars when crawling from activity to activity.	
DAY 5	Use Zack to introduce the concept that some animals use their patterns as camouflage. Sing the song, "I Can Camouflage Myself" as children attempt to camouflage themselves.	Use plush striped or spotted animals to play the game, "Can You Find It?"	Have the children use construction paper and crayons/markers to create camouflage art.	Look at books about patterns together.	Take child-safe binoculars and unbreakable magnifiers outside and have the children attempt to find animals using camouflage.	Sing the song, "I Can Camouflage Myself" when moving from activity to activity today.	

Weekly Activity Plan - Week #4 - Let's Explore Patterns

	Large Group Activity	Small Group Activity	Small Group Activity	Infant Activity	Outside Activity	Transition	Interest Area Materials
DAY 6	Go outside and look for patterns in nature on trees, flowers, etc. Use unbreakable magnifiers.	Press fresh leaves into playdough and explore the patterns they create.	Create a Natural Discovery Bin for the children to explore.	Hang flowers (silk or plastic) above the diapering area and talk about the colors/patterns while diapering.	Paint grass and then press white paper on while wet. Explore the pattern the grass creates.	Have children name items in nature that have patterns when moving from activity to activity.	
DAY 7	Explore auditory patterns. Clap patterns for the children to copy and/or extend. Sing the song, "Let's Clap a Pattern" & clap.	Use musical instruments to create patterns.	Play the singing game, "Sing After Me." Focus on songs with repeating patterns.	Sing favorite songs and clap to the beat with the infant.	Turn on music while the children play outside. Talk about the patterns within the songs.	Sing the song, "Let's Clap a Pattern" when moving from activity to activity.	
DAY 8	Play, "Simon Says" and focus on patterns (e.g., "Simon says... jump, jump, stop....jump, jump, stop.")	Create an Over/Under Obstacle Course.	Give children patterned directions to follow while they ride riding toys.	Chant, "Bouncing, Bouncing" while the infant bounces up and down.	Play, "Duck, Duck, Goose" and talk about patterns.	Continue playing, "Simon Says" with patterns when moving from activity to activity.	
DAY 9	Use a parachute or bed sheet to make patterns as the children move it up and down. Chant, "Up, Up, Down, Down."	Play, "Pop! Pop! Stop" with bubble solution.	Set out an assortment of blocks and challenge children to create patterns.	Use a bath poof and paint to create patterns.	Turn on marching music and march (left, right, left).	Put arms up and down in a pattern while moving from activity to activity.	
DAY 10	Choose from: 1) Make polka dot pictures with coding dots. 2) Repeat "Simon Says" & focus on patterns 3) Explore books about patterns.	Play with the, "Let's Pattern! Teaching Tool." Continue to copy, extend and create patterns.	Make pattern kabobs with fruits.	Sing some of the infant's favorite songs or recite their favorite rhymes.	Repeat patterning with the parachute or bed sheet from DAY 9.	Sing the children's favorite songs from this unit during transitions.	