

### Themes

America the Beautiful  
Fishing Fun

### Shapes and Colors



### Numbers

9-14

### Letters

I-Q

### Alphabet Words

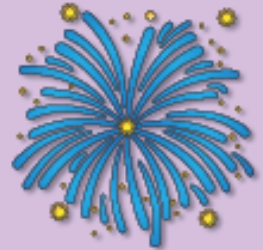
iguana, jellyfish,  
kite, lamp,  
mouse, newspaper,  
otter, pizza,  
quarter

### Sign Language



### Theme Descriptions

**America the Beautiful:** This theme begins with a patriotic salute to America for the Fourth of July holiday and continues with information about our country's geography and national parks. The children will explore the Rocky Mountains all the way to our nation's capital!



**Fishing Fun:** Fishing is a hobby enjoyed by people all over the world. Fish can be found in lakes, rivers, and oceans. Invite children to learn about this popular hobby by exploring types of fish, different water habitats, and the tools needed to catch the "Big One!"

### Activities for Home

- Look for star shapes on holiday decorations at home and around town. Count the stars. How many points does each star have?
- Arrange a family picnic and invite your child to help plan the menu and other items you will need to bring along.
- If possible, take your child fishing. Choose a safe area that is kid friendly. Observe the vegetation and landscape that surrounds the body of water. What kinds of fish live there? How big are the fish that you are catching?
- Consider stopping at the local pet store or zoo to observe fish in aquariums. Talk about the different colors and sizes of the fish. Look through various fish books as well.

## Look for Books

The best way to learn which books your child enjoys is to read children's books—lots of them! Check out the Resources tab at [funshineexpress.com](http://funshineexpress.com) for Book Lists corresponding to each month's themes. Get to know your local librarians and ask for their recommendations as well.

### **The Scrambled States of America**

by Laurie Keller

### **Blue Sky White Stars**

by Sarvinder Naberhaus

### **Hats Off for the Fourth of July!**

by Harriet Ziefert

### **Hello, National Parks!**

by Martha Zschock

### **Norman: One Amazing Goldfish!**

by Kelly Bennett

### **A River**

by Marc Martin

### **Jangles: A Big Fish Story**

by David Shannon

### **Skyfishing**

by Gideon Sterer

## Cooking Together

When cooking with young children, allow them to help in a safe way with mixing, pouring, rolling, mashing, shaking, etc. Use words to describe what you are doing and what you plan to do next. Talk about what you see, smell, feel, hear, and taste.

### Mini Pizzas

pizza sauce  
shredded cheese  
English muffins or large refrigerated biscuits  
pizza toppings

Give each family member an English muffin half or a refrigerated biscuit. Have everyone spread a small amount of sauce on his muffin or biscuit. Invite them to add the pizza toppings of their choice. Top with shredded cheese. Bake until the cheese is melted and golden.



## Sing Along with Me

Find these songs at [www.funshineexpress.com](http://www.funshineexpress.com)

### Fireworks

Sung to "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

Fireworks light up the sky,  
Sparkling bright, sparkling high!  
Shimmering with blue, red, white,  
Lighting up the night!



### Going Fishing

Sung to "Old MacDonald Had a Farm"

I'm going fishing at the lake. (Cast pole.)  
Do da do da day!  
I've got my pole and worms to take.  
Do da do da day!  
With a pole in my hand, (Point to pole.)  
And a worm on the hook,  
I catch a fish, cook the fish,  
And eat it from a special dish! (Make eating motion.)  
I'm going fishing at the lake. (Cast pole.)  
Do da do da day!



I'm going fishing at the pond. (Cast pole.)  
Do da do da day!  
And I'll dip my toes in all day long. (Wiggle feet.)  
Do da do da day!  
With the sun so bright, the sky so clear,  
I'm so glad to be here.  
I'm going fishing at the pond.  
Do da do da day!



## Reminders...

- July 1<sup>st</sup> – SuperTots begins-  
Blue Jays – 11:00am-11:30am  
Hawks – 11:30am – 12:00pm.
- July 5<sup>th</sup> – ELC Closed.
- Please sunscreen your child in the mornings, we will reapply as needed.

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