

Week of the Young Child 4/13-4/17 - Room 4

4/13: Music Monday

When children sing, dance, and listen to music, they develop their language and early literacy skills while being active and encouraging movement.

- Make a musical instrument out of straws and tape.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BaymX3qJRbQ>
- Make a guitar from a shoe box/cereal box. Use plastic used on bread bag for pick.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqY9JqKdvBU>
- Make your own shakers: water bottle - put pennies, paper clip, small nuts and bolts, beads.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZjywurvgEE>
- Make a drum from cans
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bm7TZMTo4kc>

4/14: Tasty Tuesday

This fun, food-themed day is about more than just cheese and crackers. Cooking together connects math with literacy skills, science, and more. With the rise in childhood obesity, you can encourage healthy nutrition and fitness habits at home and in the classroom.

- Make a tasty breakfast: pancakes with fruits
 - <https://www.kidspot.com.au/kitchen/recipes/basic-pancakes-recipe/ss561z69>
- Make mini pizza with bagels
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYjL7lxUpT4>
- Green eggs and Ham
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pDz5HmjxCUA>
- Pigs in a blanket
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaFJQSeCKpQ>

4/15: Work Together Wednesday

When children build together, they explore math and science concepts and develop their social and early literacy skills. Children can use any building material—from a fort of branches on the playground to a block city in the classroom, or a hideaway made from couch pillows at home.

- Stack plastic small cups to build a house/pyramid
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOCAhcn5N9A>
- Put a puzzle together with a sibling/family member. Print/color/cut puzzles.
 - https://www.google.com/search?q=easy+printable+and+cut+puzzles&tbm=isch&chips=q:easy+printable+and+cut+puzzles,online_chips:worksheets&usg=AI4_-kSKNuFX5i1zyO5Km5qiNZPDyQnxiA&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewjTqYnLhOboAhUSMH0KHVFQBKUQgloDKAF6BAgKEAY&biw=1280&bih=610&dpr=1.5#imgsrc=vIWFvZnKN3qWiM
- Bowling with water bottles. Roll a sock into a ball for a bowling ball. Even your dog can do it =)
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oi4lmSd46_Y
- Create a pillow or couch fort.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3yk6P3E-y4>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8eF8Z1-H0>

4/16: Artsy Thursday

Think, problem solve, create! Children develop creativity, social skills and fine motor skills with open-ended art projects where they can make choices, use their imaginations, and create with their hands. On Artsy Thursday celebrate the joy and learning children experience when engaged in creative art making. Use any materials—from crayons to paint, clay to crafts!

- Create your own puzzle. Draw, color, and cut
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmRBW17Do48>
- Color/decorate hard boil eggs
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5c-vMNOeLsw>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltmwyv3nDBE>
- Q-tip Painting: Use Q-tip for brush and food coloring for paint. Paint on foil or cardboard boxes.
- Ice cube painting. Food coloring in ice cube container.
- Make a mask
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVmilweCgFU>

4/17: Family Friday

Engaging and celebrating families is at the heart of supporting our youngest learners. NAEYC applauds family members' role as young children's first and most important teachers.

- Play a board game: Candyland, Monopoly, Bingo, Connect Four
- Family Exercise/Dance party: Go Noodle Videos
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KhfkYzUwYFk>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymigWt5TOV8>
- Musical chairs
- Take a walk around the block
- Movie night: pop some popcorn and cuddle up with a blanket