

Gesell Preschool Activities

Theme: *Classic Stories*

Literature Shared:

Corduroy by Don Freeman
A Pocket for Corduroy by Don Freeman
Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown

Creative Expression

Coffee Bears (paper bears, coffee grounds, glue)
Pocket collage (pocket shapes and glue)
Cut and paint cap shapes
Draw bunny pictures, incorporate magazine clippings

Music and Movement

Crossing the Swamp game
The swamp is filled with eggs, deep snow, sticky tar, oil, marbles, glue worms, crunchy leaves.

Play guard the bear (one child is selected to guard the bear, while each child takes a turn rolling a soft nerfball toward the bear, past the guard to knock down the bear. The child who successfully knocks the bear down becomes the new guard.

“Stop the Music” Teacher plays the music, children move around when the music stops everyone freezes, until the music begins again. (skip in the space, tiptoe, hop and jump).

“Whistle Stop” Children scatter around the space, on the signal go children run, walk, like an elephant, skip, run sideways, run in a circle, hop or jump to the right or left.

Sciencing

Button guessing game – provide each child with a bag of buttons. Ask children to estimate or guess how many buttons are in the bag.
Bear family math
Rainbow stew experiment
Rolling, rolling experiment
Special event: Every child brings in his/her favorite teddy bear for a teddy bear picnic!