



## Texture Detectives Coconut Cream Pie

Your child is participating in a wide variety of stimulating, educational and developmentally appropriate activities.

Throughout the month, children will be exploring a variety of textures. Encourage your children to hunt for textures at home.

These activities range from art to games, storytelling, exercise, science and much more. Some projects will be taken home to share with you, and others are group activities that you can ask your child about. Did you know that the optimum window for developing social skills is between the ages of 3 and 6?



# The Value of Play

It is often said that play is children's work. Through play, children are developing a foundation which promotes life skills and enhances their academic future.

## What is the value in play for children?

- Children will develop social skills and learn how to share, take turns and role-play.
- Children will develop communication skills such as learning to express feelings, using the appropriate words and inviting friends to play.
- While playing, children will also learn to develop problem-solving skills that allow them to find solutions and resolve conflicts.
- Play that encourages safe risk-taking (climbing, running, jumping) will enable children to take risks in their learning.
- Both play and learning require the use of step-by-step processes. Allowing children to explore these processes during play will transfer to the learning process.

Play is important business. Encourage your child to enjoy their play, and support them by creating opportunities for this important work. Use this as an opportunity to spend some time with your child. What a great way to experience the world through your child's eyes!



## Great Books to Read Together

*Sheep in a Jeep*  
(by Nancy Shaw)

*Feely Bugs: To Touch and Feel*  
(by David A. Carter, Bugs in a Box books)

*Island Counting 1 2 3*  
(by Frané Lessac)

*Curious George Goes to the Beach*  
(by H.A. Rey)



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# Songs to Sing Along

## Texture Detectives

Original Mother Goose Time Music – Track 3

### (Chorus)

Do you have the treasure map?  
Let's go find textures we can touch of every kind.  
Bumpy, rough and smooth; pokey, squishy too.  
But the best treasure is being with you.

### (Repeat Chorus)

Yes, the best treasure is being with you!

## I See Eyes

Original Mother Goose Time Music – Track 9

### (Chorus)

I see eyes looking at me,  
staring down from the big palm tree.  
I must climb up to see,  
whose eyes could those be?

1-2-3, I wrap my knee around the tree,  
and I climb, climb, climb up so quickly.  
I'll climb higher and higher, yes I will.  
I'm going to see whose eyes those could be!

### (Repeat Chorus)

At the top of the tree, now I can see so easily.  
It's no mystery; it's silly actually.  
It's fuzzy and brown, looking down, but it's not alive.  
It has two black eyes, and guess what? It's a coconut!

### (Repeat Chorus)

## Lay Down

Original Mother Goose Time Music – Track 16

Lay down your head, child, lay down.  
Pillow soft, blankie warm.  
Lay down your head, child, lay down.  
Close your eyes and say night-night.

### (Repeat)

## Love These Songs?

Help your child's classroom while you sing along at home!  
Ask your child's teacher about purchasing the Mother Goose  
Time Monthly Music CDs.



# Sharing Time

Head outside for a texture walk with your child. You will need to take white paper and crayons (wrappers removed) with you. While on your walk, look for different textures such as the trunk of a tree. Place your paper on the tree trunk and rub a crayon over it. Watch the trunk appear on your paper!

## New This Month

Letters: Dd, Ff & Hh

Shape: Octagon

Number: 6

Colors: Silver & Gold

Spanish Words:

Soft – Suave (Soo-ah-vay)

Hard – Duro (Doo-ro)

Six – Seis (Say-ees)

American Sign Language:

