

Parents As Teachers @ USC Telehealth

It's finally Summer! Thank you so much for being a part of our program! We are so excited about our on-going group connection series! Have you attended a session yet? Find upcoming groups here:

<https://pat.usc.edu/group-connections/>

Parent-Child Interaction

Flip-Flop Craft (from Raising Whasians)

Materials Needed:

- Construction Paper
- Kids Paint
- Colored Drinking Straws or pipe cleaners
- White Glue
- Scissors
- Foam Stickers (if desired)

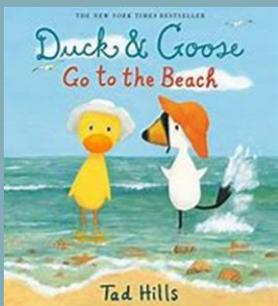
How To Make The Flip Flops:

1. Cover your little one's feet in paint. Press down onto Construction Paper. Allow to dry
2. Cut out your footprints in the shape of a flip-flop (see above)
3. Cut drinking straws or pipe cleaners to fit as the thong part of your flop. You should only need one straw or pipe cleaner per foot. Glue to footprint
4. Add stickers and embellishments as desired.

Promotes creativity, cognitive, fine motor, & social development!



Summer Kids Craft: Footprint Flip-Flops



Book Sharing: *Duck & Goose Go to the Beach*

In this delightful follow-up to the New York Times bestselling *Duck & Goose* and *Duck, Duck, Goose*, Duck wants to go on an adventure. Goose doesn't. He doesn't see the point. After all, why would they go anywhere when they're happy right where they are? But then Goose sees the ocean and loves it. Who doesn't? Well, Duck, for one!

Let's Talk About: FAMILY WELL-BEING

“All families are constantly growing and changing. So it's important you feel empowered to help everyone in your family set and reach goals.”

Information taken from the “Focusing on Family Well-being” handout from the foundational curriculum created by the Parents as Teachers National Center.

What does empowerment look like?

Your parent educator is here to help! They can help you set goals, provide information and find resources, but we believe you know your family the best! So YOU decide:

- What is important to your family.
- Who can best support you in reaching your goals.
- What resources will be most helpful.
- What actions you will take to help reach the goals you've set for your child and yourself.

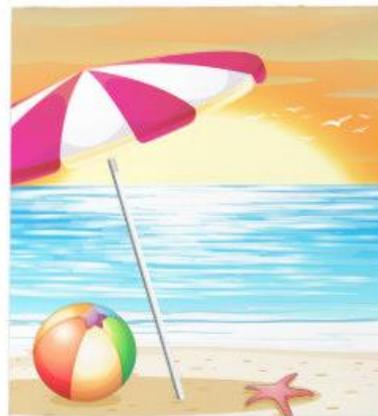
Celebrate Summer with an Interactive Song!

My Beach Bag

(to the tune of A Tisket, A Tasket)

(In advance hide several beach toys and a beach bag around the room. Then sing the first two verses of the song. Ask the children to help to find the missing beach items. Once the items are gathered and placed in the bag, joyously sing the last verse.)

My beach bag, my beach bag,
My filled-with-toys beach bag
Was on my way to the shore today,
And on the way I lost it.
I lost it. I lost it.
Yes, on the way I lost it.
With all my castle-building toys,
Oh, I'm so sad I lost it.
We found it. We found it.
Yes, finally we found it!
With all my castle-building toys,
Oh, I'm so glad we found it.



Remember: You are your child's first and most influential teacher.



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