

Daily Teaching Guide
Toddler Theme
January Week 2
Hibernation

Day 2



Circle Time: Hibernating Game

Teacher will need to print out two sets of the hibernation match up game. One will be the game board - do not cut this one; the other card will be cut apart on the squares.

You may want to Place Velcro dots onto the back of the matching game cards and onto the front of the game board so the pieces will stick together.

Then have all the children sit in a circle. You will need a small cloth bag or a pillow case. Place the hibernating cards into the bag. Have the children take turns pulling out a card. See if they know the name of the animal on the card. If they do not know the name of the animal, see if anyone in the group knows the name of the animal. If most of your toddlers are too young to talk then teacher will point to the animal on each card and tell the children the name of the animal. Have the child that pulled the animal card out of the bag place it onto the matching animal onto the game board. Help the children as needed. Continue until everyone has had a turn.

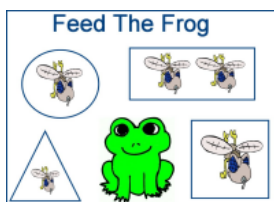
If you have more than six children in your group, then you may want to print out a second set to use, or as soon as the game card becomes full, remove the pictures and place back into the cloth bag, and begin again, until everyone has had a turn.



Project: Frog in the pond

Teacher will need to print out my frog picture onto card stock paper, print out enough for each child to have one. To make the frog more durable you may want to cover it with clear contact paper. Cut out the frogs for each child.

You will need two sturdy paper plates for each child. Cut a door in the top plate. Make it large enough for the toddlers to reach into it and pull the frog out. You will need a piece of blue felt (pond) cut it out into a circle to fit the bottom paper plate. Give the children large paint brushes and red, blue and yellow paint to make brown. As they paint the paper plate and mix the colors together they will end up with brown. Have the children cover the other paper plate with glue and stick the felt onto it. Put these aside to dry. After both pieces are dry staple the outside edge and cover the staples with dark colored duck tape so the children will not see the staples and prevent them from pulling them out. Show the children how to put the frog to bed (hibernate) beneath the mud and then wake him up and take him out to play with. You may want to make sure you cover the frog on both sides with clear contact paper to make him sturdy.



Learning Time: Feed the Frog Puzzle

Teacher will need to print out two sets of the feed the frog puzzle cards per child. One card will be the game board, do not cut this one. The other set will be the puzzle cards; teacher will cut these out, just cut along each shape, cut out the circle, triangle, square and rectangle.

Have the children match each picture to the matching pictures on the game board, have them match the pictures by shapes, older toddlers can count the flies in each shape.

****Optional**** you may want to attach Velcro dots onto the backs of each picture and onto the front of each picture on the game board. Make sure the Velcro is in the same spot on each piece so they will stick together.



Special Activity: Hibernating Animal Book

Today you will make the toddlers a hibernating animal Book. This will be a fun way for the toddlers to learn some of the animal's names. Toddlers love to look at pictures in books and be read to. You can write the name of the each animal on the bottom of each page, and then read them the name of each animal. Be sure to show the children the animal picture book each morning, you should do this for a few days so they will learn the animal's names. Leave the book out during the day for the children to be able to look at it and learn the animal's names.

To make the book you will need to print out my hibernating animal pictures and cut them apart. You will need 1 and half pieces of card stock paper. Take two pieces of card stock paper and fold each one into 4 even pieces. Now cut the pieces on the fold lines. You will need 6 of these cut pages to make your book. Now glue the animal pictures onto the card stock paper and cover with clear contact paper. Make sure you cover both sides. This makes the picture book very durable. Now hole punch the pages on the right hand side. You may want to hole punch the top, middle and bottom. I use yarn or string to tie the pages together. I tie it tightly, with a knot, so the toddlers will not get the string off but I also leave it loose enough so that the toddlers can turn the pages.

To view and print out the rest of the hibernation week, you may want to purchase the January toddler themes. You can purchase the toddler curriculum by going to <http://www.adaycare.com/buy.html> or you can view more toddler lessons by going to <http://www.adaycare.com/tthemes.html> or you can view the preschool lessons by going to <http://www.adaycare.com/themes.html>

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