



AQUATIC THEME: FISH

*Use this lesson as an introduction to new class fish. You can also use this lesson after introducing a new class fish for exploration and learning!

Circle Time

- KWL cart: what do we know about fish, what do we want to know about fish, what did we learn
(add to list throughout the theme)
- Number identification: Give each child a fish with a number on it. Call out the numbers (while holding the corresponding number up) and ask them to stand up and swim their fish around.
Take a seat and then call the next number
- Discussion: After reading the story swimmy as children to identify ways that we work as a team
in the classroom
- Graphing: Brainstorm names for the class fish and make a graph having each child the name they
want
- Compare/ Contrast: Introduce different fish in the ocean and discuss similarities and differences

Gross Motor

- Hold up a GO sign and have children swim around fast or slow, then hold up a STOP sign (repeat)
- Place spot or hula hoops on the floor in a circle. Children go around to music, when the music stops tell children to jump into the fish tank! Remove a spot and play again till you have one left
 - Toss toy fish back and forth into a huge bowl as children catch flying fish
- Shark tag. Pick one child to be the shark and the little fishes run away while the shark tries to tag someone

Math

- Using fish cracker have children sort them by color. Then count how many in each section.
- Place spot or hula hoops on the floor in a circle. Children go around to music, when the music stops tell children to jump into the fish tank! Remove a spot and play again till you have one left
- Give each child a paper fish tank. Have a child roll a dice and add that many fish to the tank. Pass to the next person.
 - Have children use fish to create different patterns

Art

- Color a paper plate blue. Add a handprint in a different color. Add an eye to make it a fish
- Use coffee filter and add watercolors to create rainbow fish (as seen in the book) . Paste it on to construction paper and add a tail and googly eye and a mouth
 - Use playdough to make a fish. Use beads, pipe cleaners, etc to decorate fish.
- Draw a fish you would like to see in the ocean. What does it look like? Does it have stripes? 3 eyes? Spots? Be creative!

Books

- Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
 - Swimmy by Leo Leoni
- One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
 - Swim Swim by Lerch
 - Fish Eyes by Lois Ehlert

Songs

- Five Little Fishes Swimming in the Sea
 - Baby Shark
 - Baby Beluga