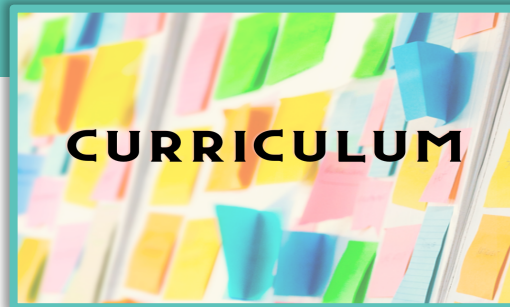


# Tips, Tricks, and Tools for Lesson Planning

## Session 1

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## Curriculum Components

### **Lesson Plans**

It's the "how-to" for what you want to teach the children.

### **Activities**

It could just be a set of materials that you have in a container on a shelf that they can explore on their own.

### **Games**

You can make a bingo type game with the theme or even a hopping game.

### **Puzzles**

Print out pictures for the theme, laminate them, and then cut them up for the children to explore.

### **Music**

This can be CDs, cassette tapes, playlists, or even songs written down for the theme.

### **Books**

You could easily have 20+ books for each theme but storing them might be difficult so a book list might be a great option!

## Weekly Theme Components

### **Age group:**

Infant, Toddler, Preschool, School-Age

### **Language development:**

Vocabulary words

### **Factual Statements:**

Facts about the theme

### **Objective Goals:**

What you want to see them master by the end of the week

### **Group Time:**

Circle time activities

### **Outdoor Activities:**

What you want them to do outside to match the theme

### **Small Group Activities:**

What you want them to do in small groups with the teacher or each other

### **Special Needs Accommodations:**

What you might need to accommodate and how you can do that for certain activities

### **Classroom Design Ideas:**

What you could include in the classroom design to fit the theme

### **Self-Selected Activities:**

What you will put in each learning area to fit the theme so they can explore on their own

# Weekly Lesson Plan Example

|   |   |   |  |   |   |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Weekly Theme:</b> Beach  |   |   | <b>Age Group:</b> 3 years old  |   |   |
| <b>Language Development:</b> Sand, water, ocean, crustaceans, coral, seaweed  |   |   | <b>Factual Statements:</b> Beaches are on the edges of bodies of water. Beaches can have sand, pebbles, or stones.   |   |   |
| <b>Objective Goals: Through participating in the activity, the children may learn:</b>  |   |   |  |   |   |
| The children will identify different aspects of beaches.<br>The children will explore how to build with sand.   |   |   |  |   |   |
|   | <b>Monday</b>   | <b>Tuesday</b>                                  | <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>Thursday</b>   | <b>Friday</b>   |
| <b>Group Time</b><br><small>(songs, stories, games, etc.)</small>   | Beach Day book by Karen Roosa and Maggie Smith          | 5 Little Seashells rhyme                        | A Day at the Beach book by Tom Booth   | Baby Shark song   | The Sandcastle That Lola Built book by Megan Maynor and Kate Berube |
| <b>Outdoor Activities</b><br><small>(1 idea each day)</small>   | Crab walk race  | Pool fishing                                    | Beach ball game  | Octopus tag   | Beach picnic  |
| <b>Small group activities</b><br><small>(1 activity in each. Curriculum area)</small>   | <b>Language &amp; Literacy</b><br>Matching fish letters | <b>Music</b><br>Baby Beluga song                | <b>Art</b><br>Paper sandcastles  | <b>Science</b><br>Can you dissolve a seashell?                    | <b>Math</b><br>Ocean animal pattern blocks templates                |
| <b>Special Needs Accommodations</b><br><small>(Hearing, seeing, speech, physical struggles, broken leg/arm, etc.)<br/>Choose 1 special need and 1 activity that you would adjust to accommodate the special need.</small> |   |   | <b>Special Need:</b> Physical struggle<br><br>I would allow extra support for any of the activities that require physical movement, especially the ones outside. I would allow the child to have extra time for activities like the crab walk race or switch it out for an activity they can do that's similar to participate. |   |   |
| <b>Classroom Design Ideas:</b><br>Grass around the shelves. Beach chairs in dramatic play with blow up pool toys. Add flip flops and swimsuits to dramatic play.  |   |   |  |   |   |
| <b>Self-Selected Activities</b>   |   |   |  |   |   |
| <b>Dramatic Play</b><br>Create an ice cream stand   |   | <b>Blocks</b><br>Paper tube sandcastle building |  | <b>Literacy Center</b><br>Beach towels to read on and beach books |   |
| <b>Sensory Table</b><br>Taste safe sand   |   | <b>Fine Motor</b><br>Seashell matching          |  | <b>Art</b><br>Make hanging jelly fish                             |   |