

GENERAL TIPS

Winter: Have a Winter Picnic, Pajama Day, Mitten Day, Polar Bear Day, Snow Day, and so on. Serve hot chocolate for snack. Hang big snowflakes from the ceiling.

Senses: Do activities for each sense. Do listening activities (sounds of nature, music, and so on) for hearing. Play “I Spy” for sight. Do finger painting with hands for touch, using different mediums. Have a tasting day for taste. Use sour, sweet, salty, bland, and so on.

Valentine’s Day: Learn about the heart! The children can make valentines and decorate paper bags to hold their valentines. Talk about the post office and how mail is delivered.

Food Pyramid: Decorate the room with giant food pictures. Have a tasting day for each food group.

Colors: Ask the children to wear one color each day.

Easter: Have an egg hunt, make bunny cookies, and dye Easter eggs. If you can, tell the real story of Easter (if you are in a Christian school).

Spring: Have Umbrella Day, Balloon Day, Bubble Day, and Flower Festival. Plant flowers for mom for Mother’s Day.

Community Helpers: Visit a fire station or police station. Invite a doctor, dentist, banker, and so on to come in and talk to the children.

Animals: Visit a farm if possible. Have Pet Visitation Day. (Parents can bring in a pet each day and stay for about ten minutes.)

Summer: Have a Beach theme. Have a Luau, Water Day, and Beach Day. Ask the children to wear sunglasses one day. Listen to Caribbean music.

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Field Trip Fun

Materials

None

What to do

1. Exploring the sights in your neighborhood can provide valuable learning experiences and expand your teaching resources while adding realism to any area of study. Every community is full of great places to visit. You can maximize the potential of your locale by not overlooking the simple choices close to home and focusing on the options readily available to you and the children. Remember, the best trips are those that serve as extensions of children’s play and interests.

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2. Following are a few suggestions to get you started:

Airport	Fast Food	Pizza Parlor
Animal Show	Restaurant	Planetarium
Aquarium	Fields (corn, peanut, cotton, and so on)	Police Station
Auction	Fire Station	Post Office
Aviary	Fish Hatchery	Poultry Farm
Bakery	Flower Show	Produce Stand
Bank	Garden	Public Library
Barber Shop	Gas Station	Pumpkin Patch
Beach or Seashore	Greenhouse	Radio Station
Beauty Salon	Grocery Store	Recycling Center
Berry Farm	Health Club or Gym	Repair Shop (watches, bike, shoes, and so on)
Blood Bank	Health Food Store	Restaurant
Bottling Plant	Hospital	Sewage Disposal Plant
Building Site	Landfill	Stable
Bus Depot	Livestock Show	Stadium
Campground	Lumber Yard	State Park
Cannery	Mill	Subway Terminal
Car Wash	Movie Theater	Television Studio
Car Dealership	Museum	Train Station
Christmas Tree Farm	Newspaper	Water (dam, lock, lake, pond, stream, and so on)
Circus	Nursery	Zoo
Dairy Farm	Nursing Home	
Dentist's Office	Orchard	
Department Store	Pet Store	
Diner	Petting Zoo	
Dock or Harbor	Photography Studio	
Doctor's Office		
Dog Kennel		
Farm		

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