

Theme: Pirates!

Week 1

This document contains all of the activities for the theme “for the age group “Big Kids.”

Have fun!

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All activities require adult supervision!

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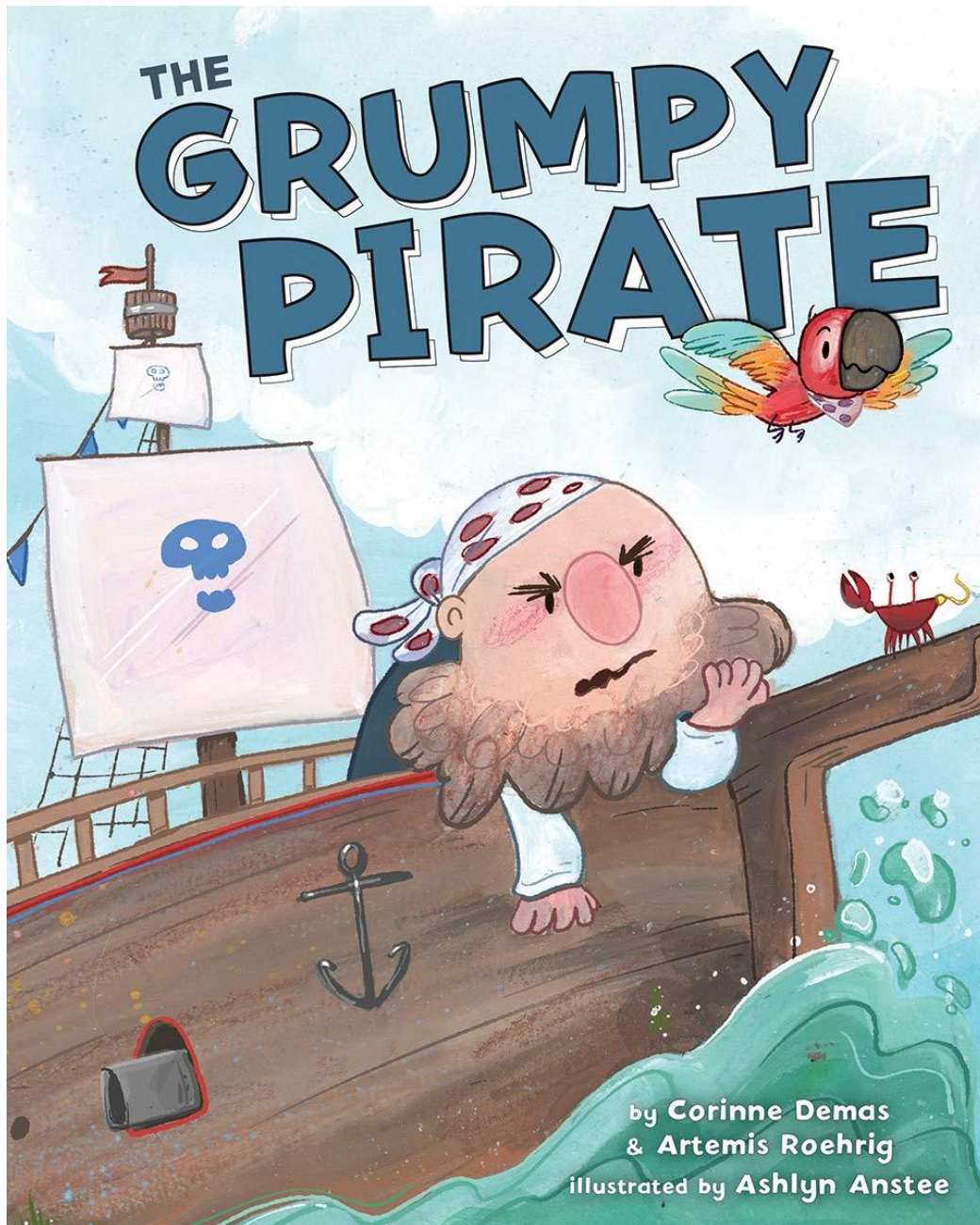
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Book Suggestion

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(We highly recommend checking your local library for this book, however if you cannot find it-please see link on our “Theme extras” web page to purchase if desired or find another book that showcases pirates)! -We suggest using the same book for two weeks as this really helps children gain reading comprehension of the book!



Song Suggestion

If You're a Pirate and You Know It

Author: Unknown

If you're a pirate and you know it, swab the deck (*swish, swish*)
If you're a pirate and you know it, swab the deck (*swish, swish*)
If you're a pirate and you know it, then you'll hear the sea winds blowin'.
If you're a pirate and you know it, swab the deck (*swish, swish*)

If you're a pirate and you know it, walk the plank (*stomp, stomp*)
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If you're a pirate and you know it, then you'll hear the sea winds blowin'.
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If you're a pirate and you know it, look for treasures (*look through spyglass*)
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If you're a pirate and you know it, then you'll hear the sea winds blowin'.
If you're a pirate and you know it, look for treasures (*look through spyglass*)

If you're a pirate and you know it, say ahoy Ahoy! (*with arm movement*)
If you're a pirate and you know it, say ahoy Ahoy! (*with arm movement*)
If you're a pirate and you know it, then you'll hear the sea winds blowin'.
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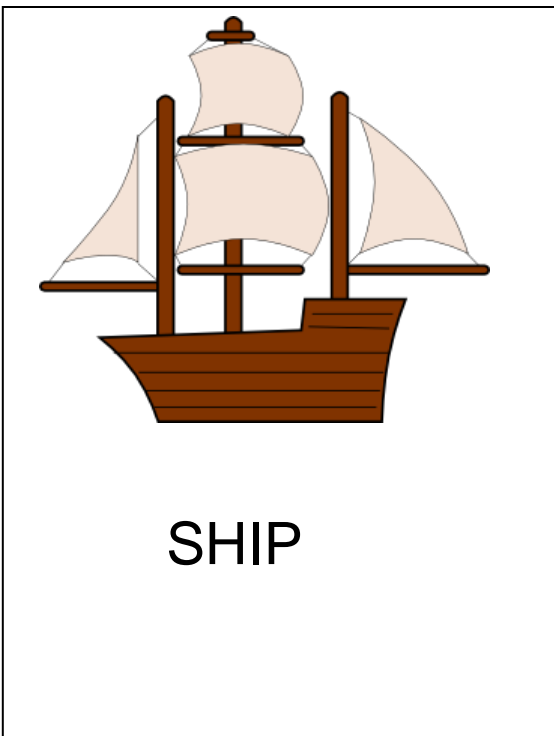


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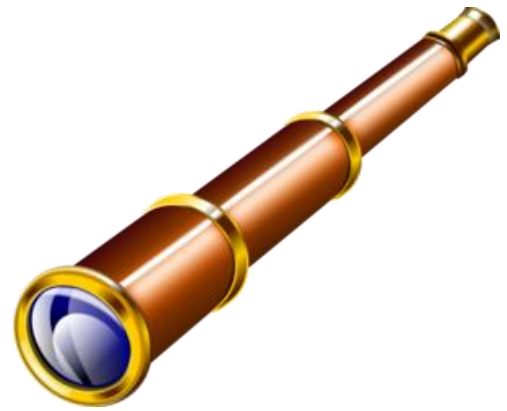
Simple Vocabulary Words

These are optional vocabulary cards to show your child before reading the story to help with understanding. It is also a great idea to point out the words while reading the book!





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Art Project:

Pirate Ship

What you need for this activity:

- *Black Construction Paper
- *Paper Plate
- *Brown Construction paper (or popsicle stick)
- *Paint
- *Pencil to trace with

Directions:

1. Cut the paper plate in half
2. Choose which color you would like your pirate ship to be and paint the plate that color!
3. Trace your child(ren)'s hand on the black construction paper and cut it out. For this age group, it will probably be necessary to cut out the handprint for them.
4. Attach the handprint (flag) to the ship using either a strip of brown construction paper or a popsicle stick.



Pre-writing Activity:

Treasure Map

What you need for this activity:

- *Blank piece of paper
- *Marker
- *Some sort of “treasure”-can be anything to hide

Directions:

This activity combines a lot of different skills for this age group and really allows children to be creative!

*Each child should have a “treasure” to hide. As stated above this can really be anything-a toy, some gold coins etc.

*BEFORE hiding (so that the children don't watch each other hiding the items and can focus on the game) let children choose where they will hide their item.

*Ask children to draw their own “treasure map” to show where they will hide their treasure.

For example-if you are playing this game in a park and a child chooses to hide their treasure in the slide, they should try and draw a picture that shows this. Include- “Starting point”-where everyone is gathered and an “X” that shows where the treasure is located along with the “path to take” to get to the treasure. (So, if the treasure will be hidden in the slide-that's where the X should be).

-Example shown below-naturally it would be hand drawn 😊

TREASURE MAP

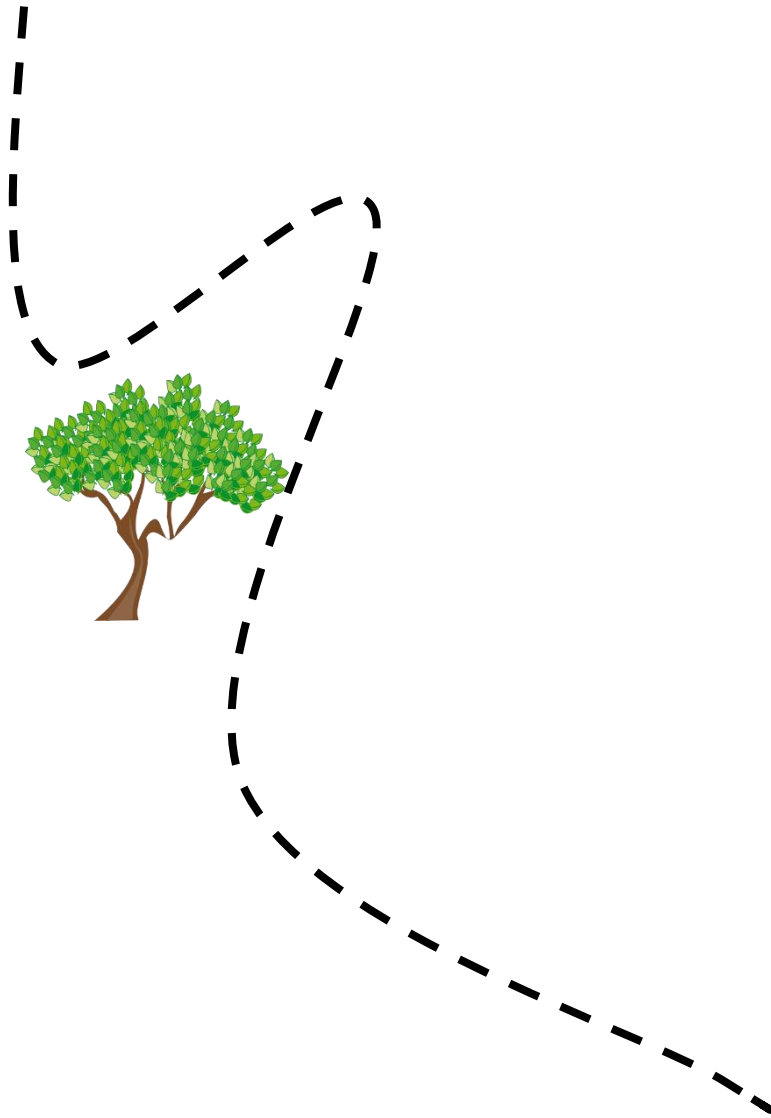
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TREASURE MAP

START



Math Activity:

Pirate Math Game

What you need for this activity:

- *Pirate math game PDF
- *Dice
- *Game Piece (can be from any game)

Directions:

See Pirate Math Game PDF

Language Activity:

Pirate Charades

What you need for this activity:

*Vocabulary Cards

Directions:

Charades is a great way to practice vocabulary words and bring out your child(ren)'s acting skills!

*For this game, simply print off the vocabulary words and have a child choose one. They will then act out the word. In order to practice syllables, have them motion how many syllables are in the word prior to "acting it out."

This game can very easily be extended by adding in words or images from whatever book you have chosen to read!

Science Activity

Make a Boat

What you need for this activity:

- *Whatever items you can find that would float in the water- aluminum foil, milk jug, Legos, margarine container etc.
- *Bin with water in it
- *A bunch of pennies

Directions:

- *Explain to children that they are going to build a boat to try and fit as many pennies as possible inside without it sinking. Show the children images of different ships so they can get an idea!
- *Ask each child (or if you have a big group, let them team up) to choose what materials they would like to use to build their boat.
- *Let them build!
- *Once they have created their boats, let them predict how many pennies they can fit in each one.
- *Let them count out the pennies and place in the boats! Who has the most pennies, who has the least? Why do they think this is?

