



# Who Am I? Calendar



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### LESSON 1

#### BOOK DISCOVERY Who Am I?

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Read the story aloud and talk about the pictures on the page.

#### MEASURE WITH ME Big Desert Moon

MR 4 MEASUREMENT

Place Story Pieces on a moon to determine if the moon or Story Pieces are bigger.

#### SOUNDS & SIGNS Letter N Song

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Listen for the /n/ sound and stomp on a letter N.

#### PAINTING Boot Painting

CA 3 VISUAL ARTS

Paint a cowboy boot with a pokey ball.

### LESSON 2

#### PICTURES & LETTERS N-O Spells No

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Walk while hearing yes then sit near the letter N card when "no" is spoken.

#### NUMBER PLAY Sandy Numbers

MR 1 NUMBER SENSE

Touch textured numbers while learning the number names.

#### GROUP DANCE Lasso Round & Round

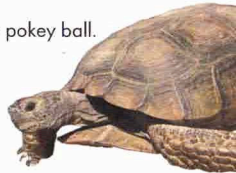
LLD 1 LISTENING

Work together to raise and lower or shake a parachute in slow then fast movements.

#### DRAMATIC PLAY Cowboy Hat Headband

★ CA 4 DRAMA

Paint a paper cowboy hat with twine. Then wear it and pretend to be in the Wild West!



### LESSON 3

#### ACTIVE LISTENING Show the Animal

LLD 1 LISTENING

Listen to a story and hold up a Story Piece when it is named in the book.

#### SENSORY PLAY Noodle N

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Play with dough on a mat and form the letter N then stick dry noodles in it.

#### CREATIVE MOVEMENT Night Catch

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Toss and catch or pick up a pompom throughout the song.

#### STICKER ART Who Is in the Desert?

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Decorate a Story Scene with stickers.



### LESSON 4

#### STORY PLAY Peekaboo Who?

LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Peek an animal above the book and say hello and practice saying its name.

#### SORTING & SHAPES Shooting Stars

MR 3 SHAPES

Toss pompoms at Star Targets on the wall.

#### COORDINATION Star Path

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Dance and improve balance by walking heel-to-toe on a masking tape path. Step over toys on the line.

#### COLLAGING Desert Sunset Collage

CA 3 VISUAL ART

Tear black paper to glue on as a shadow landscape in the desert.

### LESSON 5

#### COMMUNICATION Desert Animal Names

LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Put a pompom on the animal named.

#### LIFE SKILLS Who's at the Rodeo?

★ MR 2 SPATIAL AWARENESS

Match the top and bottom of animal puzzles.

#### RHYTHM PATTERNS Cactus Chair

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Dance in personal space. Pause the music and run to another space.

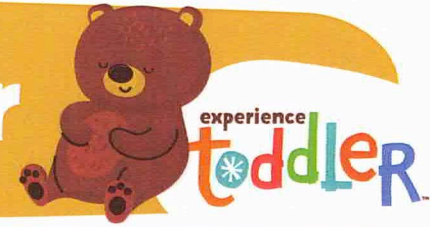
#### COLORING Letter N Coloring

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Trace over the letter N and explore words that begin with the /n/ sound.



# Honest Owl Calendar



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### LESSON 1

#### BOOK DISCOVERY Owl's Apple Story

LLD 6 READING COMPREHENSION

Read a story and point at pictures.

#### NUMBER PLAY Apples on a Log

MR 1 NUMBER SENSE

Count quantities up to five.

#### RHYTHM PATTERNS On My Back

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Crawl like camels to a song and balance a pillow on the back.

#### COLLAGING Desert Owl Camouflage

LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Investigate the properties of different art and nature materials while making a desert owl collage.

### LESSON 2

#### COMMUNICATION Letter W

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Ask "where" questions and play hide and seek with the words that begin with the letter W.

#### LIFE SKILLS Scooping Pan

PD 4 PERSONAL CARE

Practice how to scoop and fill pans or cupcake sections.

#### SOUNDS & SIGNS Letter W Walk

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Listen for the letter W and walk, wiggle and wobble around the Letter W Card.

#### PAINTING Blue Star Prints

CA 3 VISUAL ARTS

Explore making fingerprint stars on a dark paper.

### LESSON 3

#### STORY PLAY Honest Owl

★ LLD 6 READING COMPREHENSION

Identify the characters in a story. Hold a character Story Piece and look for it in the book.

#### SENSORY PLAY W & Bear Sleep

MR 6 CLASSIFICATION

Put foam stars on matching color and size stars.

#### GROUP DANCE Pass the Black

SED 3 ATTENTION & PERSISTENCE

Sit in a circle and pass a pompom around to the song.



#### COLORING Letter W Coloring

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Color the letter W and pictures that begin with the /w/ sound.

### LESSON 4

#### PICTURES & LETTERS Pyramid Hieroglyphics

★ LLD 7 WRITING

Go outdoors and explore creating chalk hieroglyphics.

#### SORTING & SHAPES Where Is Black?

MR 7 LOGIC & REASONING

Hide one black pompom under a cup. Pick up cups to find the hidden pompom.

#### COORDINATION See My Star

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Open and shut hands to make stars in the air.

#### DRAMATIC PLAY Camel Puppet

CA 4 DRAMA

Make a camel puppet and pretend it is walking across the desert.

### LESSON 5

#### ACTIVE LISTENING Draw an Apple

LLD 6 READING COMPREHENSION

Draw or scribble while listening to a read-aloud. Use the drawings to retell the story.

#### MEASURE WITH ME Apple Roll

MR 4 MEASUREMENT

Explore rolling apples down a ramp and see which rolls the farthest.

#### CREATIVE MOVEMENT Fly Around a Rope

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Walk along a rope path and hop or step over it.

#### STICKER ART Honest Owl Stickers

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Place stickers on paper and tell a story.



# Cactus Calendar

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### LESSON 1

#### COMMUNICATION Cactus Shapes

LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Compare photos of cacti to shapes such as ovals, circles, and triangles.

#### MEASURE WITH ME Armadillo Races

MR 4 MEASUREMENT

Explore speed and distance by participating in armadillo races.

#### SOUNDS & SIGNS Letter Z Song

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Listen for the letter Z and play follow the leader to the song.

#### PAINTING Cactus Fork Painting

CA 3 VISUAL ARTS

Explore stamping with a fork to make a pokey cactus.

### LESSON 2

#### STORY PLAY Cactus Participation Story

LLD 6 READING COMPREHENSION

Listen actively and clap each time you hear or see a cactus.

#### SORTING & SHAPES Tortoise or Turtle?

★ SCI 2 NATURAL & EARTH SCIENCE

Investigate the similarities and differences of tortoises and turtles.

#### GROUP DANCE Dance on Black

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Dance around the color black.

#### COLLAGING Armadillo Collage

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Collage shapes onto a page to create an armadillo collage.



### LESSON 3

#### BOOK DISCOVERY Armadillo Walks

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Develop book handling skills by following text from left to right.

#### LIFE SKILLS Sweep & Sort

MR 6 CLASSIFICATION

Help clean up by sweeping the pompoms onto the matching color paper.

#### CREATIVE MOVEMENT Around the Rope

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Twirl a scarf or ribbon in the air to a song.

#### STICKER ART Cactus Sticker Names

LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Match stickers to the cactus pictures on a sheet.

### LESSON 4

#### PICTURES & LETTERS Zip Around Letter Z

LLD 3 PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Walk on a masking tape Z path.

#### SENSORY PLAY Letter Z Mat

LLD 4 ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Line up pompoms on the letter Z.

#### COORDINATION Honesty Always

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Listen to a song about honesty and rock side to side.

#### DRAMATIC PLAY Cactus Sculpture

★ PD 3 SAFETY

Create a cactus sculpture with starch noodles.

### LESSON 5

#### ACTIVE LISTENING Desert Path Sounds

LLD 3 PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Imitate the sounds heard in a read-aloud story.

#### NUMBER PLAY Cactus Flowers

MR 6 CLASSIFICATION

Put flowers on the Cactus Number Cards.

#### RHYTHM PATTERNS Star Jar

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Pick up stars as the song plays and store them in a jar.

#### COLORING Letter Z Coloring

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Color items that begin with the letter Z.



# Desert Calendar



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### LESSON 1

#### BOOK DISCOVERY Look for Scorpion

LLD 5 CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Turn pages and look for the scorpion.

## math & reasoning

#### SORTING & SHAPES Cactus Shape Match

MR 6 CLASSIFICATION

Match the shapes on the cactus to the shape on the pot.

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#### GROUP DANCE Desert Leader Dance

SED 4 SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Take turns being the movement leader during the song.

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#### DRAMATIC PLAY Desert Cottontail Puppet

★ CA 4 DRAMA

Create a rabbit puppet and play with it.

### LESSON 2

#### PICTURES & LETTERS Pompom, Please

LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Use sign language to ask for a pompom.

#### NUMBER PLAY Cactus Counting

MR 1 NUMBER SENSE

Count out the same number of craft sticks as on the Cactus Number Cards then arrange the pieces to make a cactus on the floor.

#### SOUNDS & SIGNS Please Sign Song

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Listen for the words "please" and "thank you." Sign the words to the music.

#### STICKER ART My Desert Sticker Name

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Put stickers on a page and identify the plants and animals.

### LESSON 3

#### ACTIVE LISTENING Sticky Note Desert

LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Peek under a sticky note in a book to see the hidden pictures.

#### SENSORY PLAY Loose Parts Cactus

SCI 2 NATURAL & EARTH SCIENCE

Use playdough and mini craft sticks to build a cactus.

#### COORDINATION Don't Sit on a Cactus!

PD 1 GROSS MOTOR

Do the Yoga pose during the song to improve balance, flexibility and strength.

#### COLLAGING Sand Designs

CA 3 VISUAL ARTS

Explore lines on paper, in sand or found in the surrounding nature and environment.

### LESSON 4

#### STORY PLAY Under the Sand

LLD 2 COMMUNICATION

Hide the Story Pieces one at a time under a pile of sand. Tell a story about why the animals may be hiding.

#### MEASURE WITH ME Tall Cactus

MR 4 MEASUREMENT

Explore tall and short by stacking cups.

#### CREATIVE MOVEMENT Rattlesnake Rhythm

★ MR 5 PATTERNS

Hold a shaker and shake/move to music.

#### PAINTING Rattlesnake Shaker

MR 5 PATTERNS

Draw snake skin on a tube then fill with rice and staple to make a rattle.

### LESSON 5

#### COMMUNICATION Sand Directions

PD 2 FINE MOTOR

Follow directions and make marks in a plate of sand.

#### LIFE SKILLS How to Care for a Cactus

PD 2 NATURAL & EARTH SCIENCE

Explore what is necessary for growing a cactus.

#### RHYTHM PATTERNS Fast-Slow Desert Dance

CA 2 DANCE & MOVEMENT

Change dancing speed in response to fast and slow music.

#### COLORING Desert Path Tracing

LLD 7 WRITING

Trace paths and build eye-hand coordination.

