

ideas by the Bushel



The sun is shining!
Let's play with these activities picked just for you!

Block the sun: Take a paper plate (the kind with ribbed edges), cut it in half and then cut off the rims of the halves. Let your child color the rims using all the colors of the rainbow. Punch holes in each end of the rims and string a piece of yarn through the holes. Fit it to your child's head and tie the ends of the yarn. Your child now has a homemade visor to block the sun!

Sunny Snack: Slice an orange and let your child lay the circle slice on a plate. Let them use raisins to give their sun eyes and a smiley face and pretzel sticks to make the rays coming off of the sun. What a sunny snack for a hot summer day!

Sun Fun: Let your child color or paint some paper plates yellow and some clothespins yellow and orange. Then, using a marker, write letters of the alphabet about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the edge of the plate and space them 1 inch apart all the way around the plate. Write the same letters or the matching lowercase or uppercase letters on the clothespins. Let your child clip the matching clothespins to the letters all around the plate. When completed, the sun will have its rays! You can make numerous plates and clothespins with shapes, numbers, colors, etc.

Evaporation Art: Let your child "paint" on a sidewalk or driveway on a very sunny day with water. They will quickly see that the sun will "erase" their artwork because of its heat. This process is called evaporation!

Making Raisins: Help your child rinse off some grapes and lay them on a paper towel on top of a plate. Put the plate in the sun. Tell your child to check it daily until the grapes turn into raisins!

Sunshine Wand: Cut small triangles out all around the edge of a plate to make the sun's rays. Have your child paint the plate yellow and add sequins and streamers to the plate. Finally, glue or tape a straw, ruler, or stick to the plate and your child has a wand to use to "wish" for the sun on a rainy day!