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YEAR-OLDS

Daily Schedule

Morning

- **Free Play** (until most children arrive)
- **Circle Time #1** - (15 minutes)
 - Brain Development Jumpstart Songs
 - *Lions Roaring*
 - *If you're Happy and You Know it...*
 - *Criss-Cross Applesauce*



Preview Art Activity



Preview Cognition & Math Activity

- **Restroom/Wash hands**
- **Snack**
- **Center Time** - (45-60 minutes)
 - Self-Select Small Groups

Outdoor Play



(30-60 minutes)

- **Restroom/Wash hands**
- **Circle Time #2** (15 minutes)



Teach Language and Literacy



Teach Music and Movement

Late Morning/ Early Afternoon

- **Restroom/Wash hands**
- **Lunch**
- **Restroom/Wash hands**
- **Individual Reading Time/Nap**
 - Give each child a book as children settle in for nap
 - Play soft classical music

- **Restroom/Wash hands**
- **Snack**
- **Outdoor Play**



(30-60 minutes)

- **Restroom/ Wash hands**
- **Center Time** - (45-60 minutes)



Self-Select Small Groups

- **Circle Time/ Review** (15 minutes)
 - Review Circle Time #1 and Circle Time #2

- **Reading Time/Rhyme/Fingerplays** (as children begin to leave)

Theme: Geography – Plains / Pampas

Learning Objective: *The children will explore vocabulary and various characteristics of the plains / pampas landform.*



Art

- **Monday** - Many A's
- **Tuesday** - Aqua Batik
- **Wednesday** - Plains Pictures
- **Thursday** - Aqua Collage
- **Friday** - Colorful Pentagons



Cognition & Math

- **Monday** - Estimation
- **Tuesday** - Seriation
- **Wednesday** - File Folder Games
- **Thursday** - One-to-One Correspondence
- **Friday** - Patterning



Language & Literacy

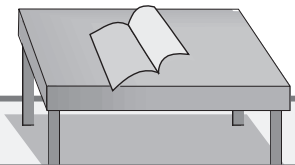
Nursery Rhyme of the Week:
- *As I was Going to St. Ives*

- **Monday** - Home on the Range
- **Tuesday** - Dress the Cowboy
- **Wednesday** - I'm a Little Cowpoke
- **Thursday** - The Letter Aa
- **Friday** - Living on the Plains



Outdoor Play

- **Ball Pass**
- **Balance Board**
- **Horseshoes**



Learning Centers

- **Blocks**
- **Music**
- **Home Center/Dramatic Play**
- **Manipulative**
- **Sensory**
- **Science**
- **Art**



Music & Movement

- **Monday** - Grassy Movements
- **Tuesday** - *Gacho Dance*
- **Wednesday** - *Pentagon Movements*
- **Thursday** - *Bandanna Catch*
- **Friday** - *Animals on the Plains*

Focus of the Week

SHAPE

Pentagon

COLOR

Aqua

LETTER

Aa

NUMBER

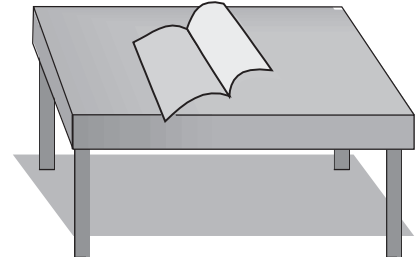
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Field Trip Suggestion – Have a scientist or someone from the parks and wildlife service come and talk to class about the plains / pampas habitat.

Behavior Tip – Young children need limits. They need to know what they can and cannot do in a given situation. "Hands are for helping. Help me carry this bag. Hands are not for hitting. Use your words when someone upsets you." For children to learn limits, adults must reinforce them consistently in the classroom with every child. Even though you speak to one particular child, the rest of the children watch to see the outcome of your interaction with others. They then use inductive reasoning to determine how you may set the limits with them under similar circumstances. Their reasoning abilities are immature and limited and they often misinterpret information. Children feel safe when adults react consistently and predictably.

LEARNING CENTERS

Theme: Geography – Plains / Pampas



CIRCLE TIME

Explain that a plain is a wide, flat, grassy area. In South America, particularly in Argentina and Uruguay, they refer to the area as pampas. Introduce the letter **Aa**, the concept of few, the color aqua, and the pentagon shape.

CIRCLE TIME #1

Opening song

Brain Development

- Lions Roaring
- If You're Happy and You Know It...
- Criss-Cross, Applesauce

Social Skills

Class Rules

Preview Centers

Introduce daily language concept

CIRCLE TIME #2

Review activities in centers

Calendar

Weather

Teach and review throughout the week the fingerplays and nursery rhyme

BLOCKS

- Unit Blocks
- Newspapers
- Masking Tape
- Plastic Horses, Buffalos, and Other Plains Animals
- Writing Materials

MUSIC

- Classical Music
- Writing Materials
- Paper
- Markers/Crayons
- CD Player

HOME CENTER

- Stove
- Sink
- Refrigerator
- Place Settings
- Table
- Chairs

MANIPULATIVE

- Peg Board
- Lock Box
- Puzzles
- Playdough
- Plains Animal

SENSORY

- Tub with Easter Grass
- Picture book of Plains/ Pampas
- Pentagon Shapes

OUTDOOR PLAY

- Ball Pass
- Balance Board
- Horseshoes

DRAMATIC PLAY

Gaicho Ranch House

- Pictures of Plains / Pampas
- Stuffed Plains Animals
- Chaps, Vests, Cowboy Hats, Bandannas
- Stick horses
- Canteen
- Refrigerator Box for a Plains Ranch House
- Writing Materials

SCIENCE

- Ruler
- Rubber Eraser
- Small Objects
- Writing Materials