

RAINFOREST ADVENTURES

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KIDS' DAY OUT
SINGLE DAY LESSON PLAN FOR GRADES K-5

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Get ready to explore the rainforest! Rainforest Adventures is an interactive school-age lesson plan that encourages children to construct knowledge through thoughtfully planned activities and active exploration of their environment. Children will learn about the rainforest and what makes it so vast and green. While the curriculum incorporates many different Pennsylvania Learning Standards, it focuses on the key learning area of “Scientific Thinking and Technology”. Specifically, children will engage in learning activities that meet the PA Standard Areas: Biological Sciences, Earth Sciences, and Environment and Ecology.

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SINGLE DAY SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION	DURATION/SCHEDULE
Arrival Activity (Early drop off): Puzzles/Games	As Needed
Ready Set Learn: Rainforest	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Cupcake Liner Parrots	30 Minutes
Snack:	15 Minutes
Themed Activity: Rainforest Reenactment	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Sleepy Sloths	30 Minutes
Lunch	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Leapin’ Frogs	45 Minutes
Social-Emotional Learning: Wrinkled Hearts	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Draw a Sloth	45 Minutes
Wrap Up	15 Minutes
Pick Up Activity (Late Pick Up): Puzzles/Games	As Needed

MATERIALS LIST

- 3 red mini cupcake liners per child
- Black construction paper cut into 2 inch circles
- White construction paper cut into 2 inch circles
- Brown construction paper cut into rectangular strips
- Green construction paper for background
- Orange, blue, green, and yellow mini cupcake liners
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Glue
- Rainforest music
- Brown, red, and tan construction paper
- Large craft sticks
- Brown paint
- Paintbrushes
- Construction paper
- Paper plates
- Green paint
- Googly eyes
- Markers
- Tape
- Drawing paper
- Pencils

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EARLY DROP-OFF



ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION

ARRIVAL ACTIVITY

- Puzzles and games related to the rainforest



DURATION/SCHEDULE

3 hours – 6 to 9 a.m.



MATERIALS

- Variety of games and puzzles



LEARNER MODIFICATIONS



GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- Use play to practice new skills and knowledge
- Cooperate with peers during activities
- Coordinate eye and hand movements



STANDARDS

- AL.1 2.A
- AL.1 2.C
- 10.5 2.B



ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION

READY SET LEARN: RAINFOREST

FUN FACTS:

- Only around 6% of Earth's land surface is rainforest - but about half of all animal and plant species live there!
- It can take ten minutes for a falling raindrop to travel from a rainforest's thick canopy to the floor.
- Rainforests get at least 98 inches of rain a year. Sometimes it's almost double that at 196 inches.
- The Amazon rainforest in South America is so big that if it were a country, it would be the ninth biggest in the world.
- Latin American forests are home to black howler monkeys, whose calls can be heard almost 3 miles away!
- A quarter of the ingredients in modern medicines come from rainforest plants.
- 80% of the flowers in the Australian rainforests are not found anywhere else in the world.
- Living in Central American rainforests, a sloth carries algae, beetles, and cockroaches in its fur.
- Some pine trees in Tasmania's temperate rainforests can live for 2,000 years!



DURATION/SCHEDULE

45 minutes – 9 to 9:45 a.m.



MATERIALS

- Fun Facts from above