WILDERNESS WONDERS

5 DAYS OF AFTER SCHOOL LESSON PLANS

GRADES K-5

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Let's go on a camping adventure in the wilderness! This week we'll explore the world of camping by building hammocks and take-home lanterns. We'll learn about famous Canadian campgrounds, create critter catchers, and compete in a s'mores relay. Get ready to pitch a tent and camp out among the stars! While the lesson plan incorporates many different Pennsylvania Learning Standards, students will engage in specific activities that meet the PA Standard Areas of Science, Social Studies, Health, Wellness, and Physical Development, and Visual Arts.

SCHEDULE

DAY 1: MAKER MONDAY

LANTERNS IN A JAR — 30 MINUTES

DAY 2: STEM TUESDAY

BUILD A HAMMOCK CHALLENGE — 30 MINUTES

DAY 3: AROUND THE WORLD WEDNESDAY

CANADIAN CAMPOUT — 30 MINUTES

DAY 4: ARTSY THURSDAY

CRITTER CATCHER CRAFT — 30 MINUTES

DAY 5: FIT FRIDAY

BUILD A S'MORE RELAY RACE — 30 MINUTES

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MATERIALS LIST

- Multimedia player
- Small jars, such as from baby food or jam
- Chenille stems
- Stapler and staples
- Scissors
- Tape
- Parchment paper
- Battery-operated tea lights
- Markers
- Twigs, sticks, rocks, leaves, twine, and other natural items
- Globe or world map
- Small doll or figurine
- Construction paper (black & white)
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Clear contact paper
- Marshmallows
- Chocolate bars (wrapped)
- Graham crackers
- Paper plates

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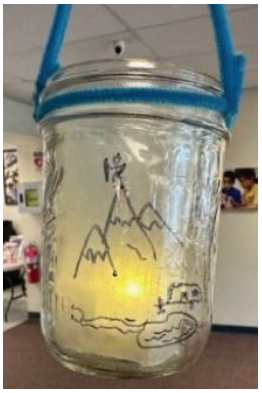
DAY 1: MAKER MONDAY

LANTERNS IN A JAR

ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION

Description of Activity:

- **STEP 1:** Ask students: “What do we need to pack when we go camping? What will help us see in the dark?” A lantern!
- **STEP 2:** Explain to the students how they will be making a lantern. Gather students around you as you show them how to lay the jar on its side to measure how tall to cut the parchment paper. Cut a piece that will fully line the inside of the jar.
- **STEP 3:** Use markers to draw camping scenes or other designs on the parchment paper.
- **STEP 4:** Staple the ends of the parchment paper together so that it keeps the cylinder shape of the inside of the jar and doesn’t curl in on itself.
- **STEP 5:** Insert the parchment in the jar, then place a battery-operated candle inside.
- **STEP 6:** Use chenille stems to wrap around the top of the jar to form a handle. You may need two or three chenille stems for this step.
- **STEP 7:** Allow students to create their lanterns. Then turn off the lights and check out their work!



DURATION/SCHEDULE

30 minutes

MATERIALS

- Scissors
- Small jars, such as from jam or baby food
- Chenille stems
- Parchment paper
- Battery-operated tea light candles (1 per student)
- Stapler and staples
- Markers

LEARNER MODIFICATIONS

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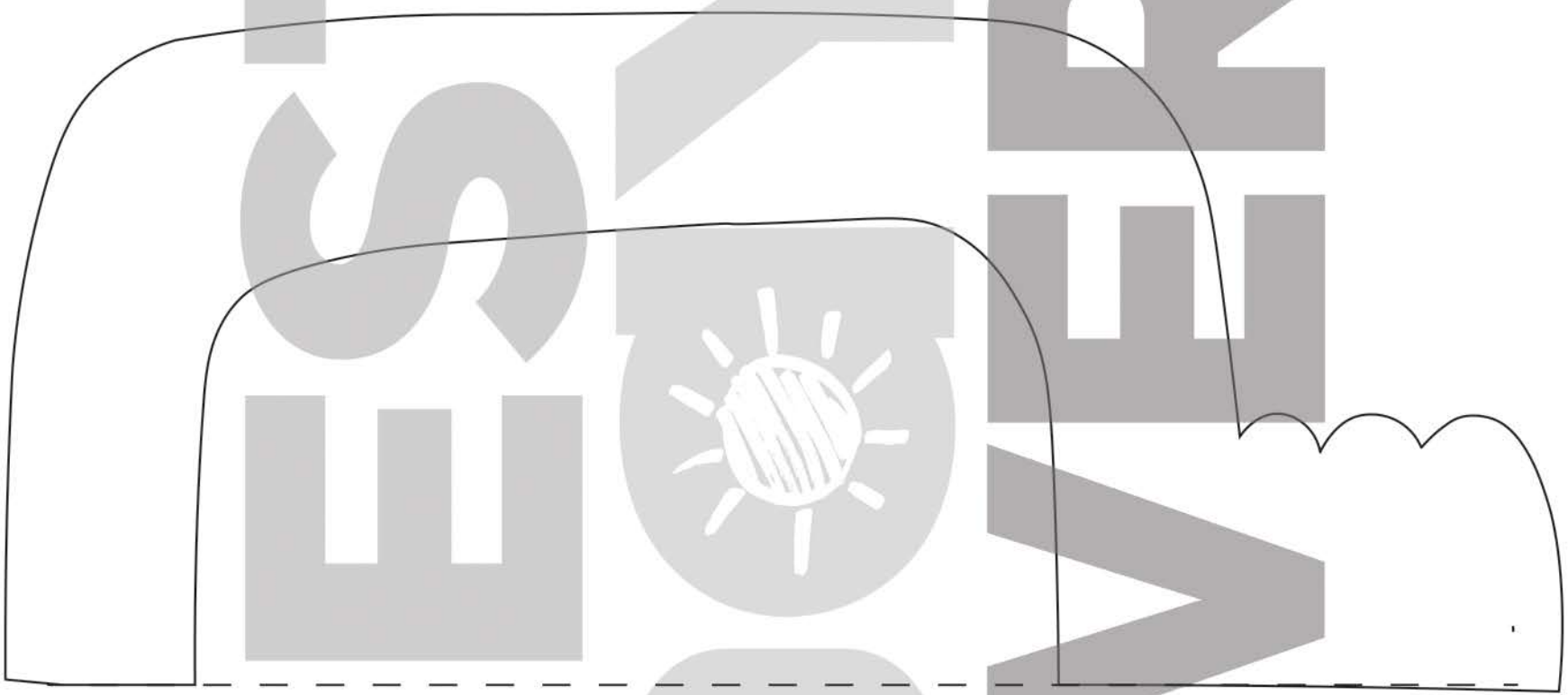
CRITTER CATCHER TEMPLATE