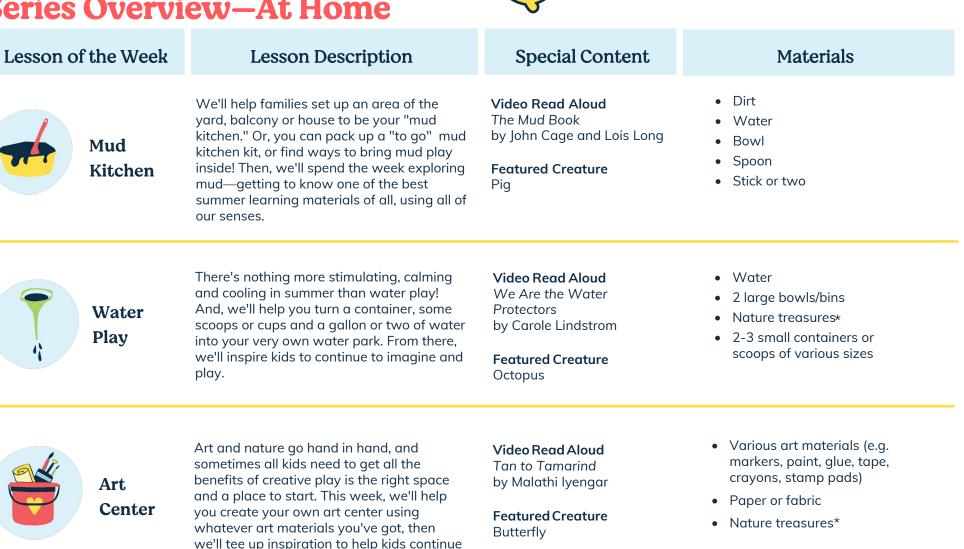
Camp Tinkergarten

Series Overview-At Home



*nature treasure (noun)

Any object from nature that looks, smells, feels and sounds captivating to kids (acorns, pebbles, pine cones, sticks, etc.)!

to make nature art all summer long!

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Lesson of the Week	Lesson Description	Special Content	Materials
Adventure Camp	We kick off our "Camp Sampler" unit with Adventure Camp—the chance to see our home environments with fresh new eyes and explore the space in which we play using all of our senses.	Video Read Aloud More by I. C. Springman Featured Creature Magpie	 Variety of nature treasures of different shapes, sizes, colors, textures and smells Optional: Printable map (In My Tinkergarten)
Sports Camp	In honor of the Summer Olympics, we'll inspire kids to participate in an animal olympics. We'll build balance and give both our muscles and our imaginations a workout as we move like some of our favorite creatures. Then, all week long, families can enjoy silly and fun ways to challenge our bodies outside!	Video Read Aloud Frog Olympics by Brian Moses Featured Creature Gorilla	 Chair, bench or log Rope or string (~6 feet) Pillow Blanket or sheet
Critter Camp	Though there are so many things to love about critters, they are marvelous communicators. And, the chance to observe and play like some of our favorite critters can help kids learn more about how we humans communicate too. Plus, spider play inspires hours of creative, fun adventures!	Video Read Aloud Du Iz Tak? by Carson Ellis Featured Creature Orb Weaver (spider)	 Chair, table or tree (if outside) String, yarn or twine (even a shoelace or two)
Band Camp	Sound and music are central to how we communicate, and nature gives us so many ways to make our own, unique sounds. We'll create original nature instruments and make joyful music together.	Video Read Aloud Noisy Frog Sing-Along by John Himmelmann Featured Creature Frog	 2-3 glass jars or containers Water Metal spoon or fork Bin or bowl Small box and rubber bands

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	Space Camp	One of the true wonders of summer is the gorgeous night sky! Plus, few play themes get kids' imaginations going more than space play. This week, we'll use a variety of sensory-stimulating, natural materials to turn ordinary cloth into a beautiful night sky of our very own!	Video Read Aloud My Rainy Day Rocketship by Markette Sheppard and Charly Palmer Featured Creature Firefly	 Dark cloth (towel, sheet, fabric) Water Bowl Any of the following: Flour, cornstarch, sidewalk chalk, white shaving cream
	Build a Fire	We kick off our final "Let's Go Camping!" unit with pretend play inspired by one of the most important parts of camping—building a fire! As we play, we'll also learn the basics of fire safety, helping kids learn to manage the risks as they enjoy all that campfires offer.	Video Read Aloud The Camping Trip by Jennifer K. Mann Featured Creature Giant Sequoia	 10 small sticks String or yarn (~6 feet) Optional: red cloth or paper Optional: <u>forest putty</u>
	Campsite Cookout	What is camping without food to give us energy and enjoy our time together? This week, we'll return to our mud kitchens or just whip up nature treats to roast over our pretend fires and enjoy cooking in our imaginary camp sites together.	Video Read Aloud Bee-Bim Bop by Linda Sue Park Featured Creature Skunk	 Various kitchen items (muffin tin, cake pan, spoons, cookie cutters) Dirt and water or <u>forest putty</u> A pinch of spice Nature treasures*
	Let's Camp Out!	In our final week of Camp Tinkergarten, we celebrate all that we have learned together, earn our Communication badges and prepare for a Tinkergarten-wide Camp Out. Whether in your living room, the back yard or deep in the woods, we can all enjoy this sweet end to a super season!	Video Read Aloud Ruby's Sleepover by Kathryn White Featured Creature Explorers	 Bed sheet or blanket (or tent!) Chair, table or bench Flashlight or pretend flashlight (i.e. cardboard tube)

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