



Craft: Beach Greeting Card

Supplies

Container of sand, contact paper, foam shapes, cardstock

Steps

1. As you peel the white paper off the contact paper, tape one edge to the table—STICKY SIDE UP. Tape should overlap the contact paper by about ½ inch.
2. Remove the white paper and tape down all sides.
3. Place foam objects face down on the sticky contact paper.
4. Cover with sand.
5. Remove the contact paper (with the tape still attached!) from the table and shake off excess sand.
6. Peel off the tape from the contact paper and paper from foam shapes.
7. Take blue cardstock paper and fold in half.
8. Place the ocean scene—sticky side down—onto the front flap of the card stock.

Educational Play Benefits: Artistic expression, sensory stimulation

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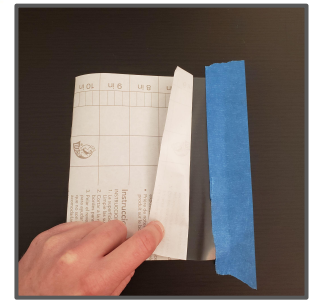
SINGING songs creates a powerful emotional bond between caregiver and child, whether it is a calming lullaby like “Row Row Row Your Boat” or an energetic, silly song like “Bubble, Bubble Pop!” (see back for lyrics)

READ sunshine-filled books about going to the beach such as *Hands & Hearts* by Donna Jo Napoli, *Beach Feet* by Kiyomi Konagaya, and *Llama Llama Sand & Sun* by Anna Dewdney.

WRITE a greeting for a loved one inside the card and sign with the child’s name. Point and slowly say the letters of the child’s name as they look at the card.

Children engaged in sensory **PLAY** often become absorbed in their activities. Playing with sand helps distract upset children and promote mindfulness.

Turn over instructions for “Bubble Bubble Pop!” →



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Bubble, Bubble Pop!

Tune available at: youtube.com/watch?v=60RRRq4dJ58

One little red* fish
Swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water.

One little red* fish
Swimming in the water,
Bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble...POP!

*orange, yellow, green, blue, purple

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