

# Everyday and Everyway Talking about...

# June, July, and August



Summer months can be a great time to learn! There are so many outdoor activities to do in the summer. Be sure to join in and play with your child. When you play together and talk about what you are doing, you are helping your child learn new words and ideas.

Try these activities, songs, books, and crafts to help your child learn. Speak, sing, and talk about books with your child in your own language.



## Activities

### Camping

Camping is a great way to learn about the outdoors!

- Talk about what you do, see, and hear when you . . .
  - Go for a hike.
  - Go fishing.
  - Sit by a fire.
  - Swim in the lake.
- Watch for animals, insects, cool rocks, flowers, and big trees.

### Beach

Visiting the beach is a great way to learn! Look for a lake close to where you live.

- Make sandcastles, go swimming, or have a picnic.
- Talk about how the sand feels – *rough, wet, cold, or hot*.
- Talk about what you see in the water.
- If you have a raft, canoe, or boat, take your child with you and explore. Just remember to wear a life jacket.
- Throw rocks in the water. Talk about how far you can throw them and the splash they make.

### Fairs, festivals, and parades

Most communities, whether large or small, have a fair or a parade during the spring, summer, or fall months. Some may have a rodeo or cultural events to attend. Many of these events are free and a fun time for families. These can also be

opportunities to learn new things. Many fairs have petting zoos, acrobats, and entertainers to watch.

### Parks

Kids love playing in playgrounds and parks! Visit some different parks in your community.

- Spend an afternoon playing ball, swinging, sliding, running, flying a kite, or playing in the wading pool.
- Talk about what you are doing, and use lots of action words like, *jump, roll, slide, walk, splash, or run*.
- Be sure to join in and play too.





## Songs and rhymes

Want to learn more songs and rhymes? Look for a parent-child music class in your area.

### I'm a little cowboy

*Author unknown*  
(sung to the tune of  
*I'm a little teapot*)

I'm a little cowboy, short and fat,  
Here are my boots,  
And here is my hat.  
As soon as I get up,  
I work all day.  
I get on my horse and ride away.

### Hello Mr. Sun

*Author unknown*  
(sung to the tune of  
*If you're happy and you know it*)

Hello Mr. Sun, how are you?  
Hello Mr. Sun, how are you?  
We're so glad you're out today,  
And we hope that you will stay,  
Yes, we do! (clap, clap)

Children  
learn through  
everyday  
moments.

Check out  
next month's  
activity  
page for  
more ideas.



## Books

Go to your local public library to find these and many more great books.

- Lottie's new beach towel *by Petra Mathers*
- Sand castle *by Brenda Shannon Yee*
- All you need for a beach *by Alice Schertle*
- Corduroy goes to the beach *by Don Freeman*
- Maisy goes camping *by Lucy Cousins*
- Maisy makes lemonade *by Lucy Cousins*
- Beach day *by Karen Roosa*
- Little cloud *by Eric Carle*
- Mr. Gumpy's outing *by J. Burningham*
- Sea, sand, me *by Patricia Hubbell*
- Do cowboys ride bikes? *by Kathy Tucker*
- How I became a pirate *by Melinda Long and David Shannon*



## Crafts

For more craft ideas go to [www.wondertime.go.com](http://www.wondertime.go.com)

### Make your own bubbles – A great outdoor activity

#### Materials needed

- Large (2 litre) bottle
- Warm water
- 1 cup of dish soap
- 2 tablespoons corn syrup

#### Instructions

Fill a large bottle (2 litre or larger) with warm water. Leave room for the soap and corn syrup. You must put the water in first, or you will have a bottle full of suds. Add the dish soap and corn syrup. Stir a bit and then put the lid tightly on the bottle. Gently shake the bottle to make sure it's all mixed. Let the bubbles stand for a bit to let the air settle. Use it with your favourite wand.

Remember to have fun and blow some bubbles together with your child. Take turns blowing and chasing the bubbles.

#### Remember to . . .

- Follow your child's lead
- Add new words and ideas
- Repeat new words over and over

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for more Talk Box ideas.