

# Older Toddler

## Weekly Plan Sheet

Week of \_\_\_\_\_ Topic: #5.3 - Trees \_\_\_\_\_ Caregiver(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### Big Ideas

- **Trees are all around us; in our yard, in the park, on the playground.**
- **Trees give us shade.**
- **We can have fun in the shade of trees.**
- **Birds live in trees.**

### Changes to the Environment

| Language Materials / Books                | Manipulative Exploration | Gross Motor Materials & Equipment / Blocks   | Sensory Exploration                 | Pretend Play                                    | Outdoor Exploration   |
|---|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Add books: I Like Trees, If I Were a Bird | Add Leaf Match           | Add small tree branches and evergreen boughs, trucks for hauling branches and boughs | Things That Grow on Trees Feely Bag | Add pine cones and evergreen boughs in a basket | Involve children in locating their special tree, Hang wind chimes from the branch of a tree, Go on a sensory walk, Take a basket of toys and place under a tree |

### Experiences for the Week

| Day              | Books  | Fingerplays, Language and Cognitive   | Self, Social and Emotional     | Sensory, Art, Nutrition                    | Movement, Music, and Gross Motor | Transition Times            |
|------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>First Reading of:</b><br><i>I Like Trees</i> - p. 2           | <b>FP or Song:</b> Oak Tree – p. 5<br><br><b>Game:</b> Leaf Match – p. 6                                      | Our Special Tree – p. 7        | Sticky Wall – p. 8                         | Leaf Dance – p. 10               | One Brown Pine Cone – p. 10 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>First Reading of:</b> <i>If I Were a Blue Bird</i> – p. 3     | <b>FP or Song:</b> The Apple Tree – p. 6<br><br><b>Experience:</b> Feeding the Birds – p. 6                   | Our Special Tree – p. 7        | Things that Grow on Trees Feely Bag – p. 9 | Pine Cone Toss – p. 10           | Match This Leaf – p. 11     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Second Reading of:</b><br><i>I Like Trees</i> - p. 2          | <b>FP or Song:</b> Oak Tree – p. 5<br><br><b>Storytelling Figures:</b><br><i>If I Were a Blue Bird</i> – p. 4 | This Tree Is Our Friend – p. 8 | Things that Grow on Trees Feely Bag – p. 9 | Leaf Dance – p. 10               | One Brown Pine Cone – p. 10 |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Second Reading of:</b><br><i>If I Were a Blue Bird</i> – p. 3 | <b>FP or Song:</b> Ten Little Leaves – p. 4   | This Tree Is Our Friend – p. 8 | Things that Grow on Trees Feely Bag – p. 9 | Pine Cone Toss – p. 10           | Match This Leaf – p. 11     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Select from classroom library</b>                             | <b>FP or Song:</b> Five Yellow Birds – p. 4   | This Tree Is Our Friend – p. 8 | Picnic Under Our Special Tree – p. 9       | Leaf Dance – p. 10               | One Brown Pine Cone – p. 10 |