

Discover with the Five Senses

Families can support a child's ability to learn efficiently by building background knowledge at home. Background knowledge is what the child comes to school knowing about a particular subject. Giving children hands-on ways to discover their world helps teachers build lasting learning by tapping into a child's prior knowledge. When connections are made from background knowledge to new ideas, learning is more fluid and motivating.

Play I Spy with My Little Eye to practice using the sense of sight

1. To start, one person picks an object everyone can see and keeps it a secret. They provide one clue such as, "I spy with my little eye something green" as they name an attribute.
2. The other players make guesses and ask questions until they find the object the first player spys.
3. The person who guesses correctly becomes "it" and picks the next object.
4. Play at the museum, in the library with a book illustration and at the park.



Play with taste and go on "food adventures"

While in the grocery store, pick new foods that look different and try them at home. Keep a record of which foods you like and those you did not enjoy.

Feely Box – Make a feely box with recycled materials to practice the sense of touch.

1. Save an empty tissue box
2. Place an item inside the box and ask your child to guess what it is using describing words such as soft, hard, smooth and bumpy.



Parents, guardians and friends, tonight we will spend time learning through discovery. Children are often compared to little scientists, as they use their five senses to "experiment" with the world around them. A child's senses are built in "tools" that provide valuable information about the world in a natural "grownup free" way. Children thrive when they have time to draw their own conclusions about new experiences and then have guidance from the adults in their lives to confirm ideas. As you explore tonight, try to use a childlike point of view; get down low and up close. By experiencing the world through your child's eyes, you can rediscover wonder and connect with your child.

VPK Standards: Standards Describe What is Taught in Every Classroom

Literacy and Discovery

- Recognizes that print conveys meaning
- Makes real-world connections between stories and real-life experiences
- Begins to identify and make observations about what can be learned about the world using each of the five senses
- Begins to understand that individuals may experience sensory events differently from each other (e.g., may like sound of loud noises or feel of fuzzy fabric)
- Makes predictions and tests their predictions through experimentation and investigation

Schedule of Activities

Two great locations!

*5:00 - 5:30 Snack *5:30 - 7:30 Family Fun Activities

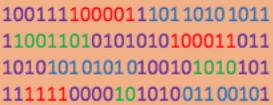
Activities at the Bishop Museum

Symbol	Activity
	Story Making with Shannon and Angela
	40 Carrots Partners in Play & Ringling
	Steam Machine with Shelia and the ELC
	Bhavana Yoga with Soryea
	Art/Drama/Music – AFTA
	What is in the Sand? Discovery Search

Summer Soar in 4 - Come join us at the Bishop Museum and the Central Library
July 17th and July 31st



Activities at the Central Library

Symbol	Activity
	Tinker Time with Mr. Bradley
	Musical Motion with Lizzie & Parenting Matters
	Virtual Reality Adventures with Rick Smith
	Investigating Engineering with Mr. Janjay
	Wise Elks Kits with Central Library
	Engineering Challenge with Jacqueline and Sharon
	Coding with Elaine



Summer Soar in 4
Drop in and Read at the Central Library July 15th & July 29th