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Colorful Crafts Summer Program
2 - 4 years



Sun Prints

****Needed:** Miscellaneous objects, construction paper, and the sun.

Gather some small toys or household items and/or some natural materials, such as flowers, sticks, rocks, shells, etc. Lay out the pieces of construction paper on a porch, side walk, or in another sunny area you can leave it for a few hours. Have the kids arrange the different items on the construction paper. This is where they can practice identifying the items, or have them tell a story as they place their pieces down. Once you are done, leave the project for a sunny morning or afternoon.

While you are gone, the sunlight, also known as ultraviolet waves, will break down the bonds of the chemicals in the color of the construction paper, causing it to fade. Discuss what happens to those places on the paper you put items over. Did the sun cause them to fade? For older kids this might be a great time to explain the concept of how the sun's ultraviolet (UV) light can damage skin and the importance of wearing UV-blocking sunscreen, or staying in the shade when it is really sunny.

**** Book suggestions on the back**

BOOKS ABOUT THE SUN

- Asch, Frank. (2008). *The sun is my favorite star*. New York: Voyager Books.
- Branley, Franklyn. (1988). *The sun, our nearest star*. New York: T.Y. Crowell.
- Carle, Eric (2019). *Where is the sun?* New York: Simon Spotlight.
- Catrow, David. (2015). *Fun in the Sun* [electronic resource]. S.I.: Holiday House.
- Heiligman, Deborah. (2005). *Fun dog, sun dog*. New York: Marshall Cavendish.
- McAnulty, Stacy. (2018). *Sun! one in a billion*. New York: Henry Holt and Company.
- Seluk, Nick. (2018). *The Sun is Kind of a Big Deal* [CLOUD LIBRARY]. S.I.: Scholastic Inc.
- Thompson, Carol. (2014). *Sun*. Swindon, UK: Child's Play (International) Ltd.

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