**Week of the Young Child 2016**

**Music Monday!   April 11, 2016
Sing, dance, celebrate, and learn**

Through music, children develop math, language, and literacy skills - All while having fun and being active! This year’s song is[“One Love,” as performed by Aaron Nigel Smith and the One World Chorus](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uhkjw0GXYcs). Record your own unique version of the song.

**TRY THIS:** *Find the beat to connect music, movement, and math. Practice clapping, drumming, or stomping to the beat of the music while counting.*

**Taco Tuesday   April 12, 2016
Healthy eating and fitness at home and school**

This fun, food-themed day is about more than just cheese and salsa. Cooking together connects math with literacy skills, science, and more. With the rise in childhood obesity, you can encourage healthy nutrition and fitness habits at home and in the classroom by creating your own healthy tacos and then share the recipes and photos.Your unique recipe could even end up in our new *WOYC Taco Tuesday Cookbook*!

**TRY THIS**: *Measure your ingredients while making your tacos! Ask children if they’d like the same or different amounts of each ingredient.*

**Work Together Wednesday   April 13, 2016
Work together, build together, learn together**

When children build together they explore math and science concepts and develop their social and early literacy skills. Children can use any building material--from a fort of branches on the playground to a block city in the classroom, or a hideaway made from couch pillows at home

**TRY THIS:** *Practice organizing blocks by size! Try building a block tower with large blocks on the bottom and little blocks on top!*

**Artsy Thursday   April 14, 2016
Think, problem solve, create**

Children develop creativity, social skills and fine motor skills with open-ended art projects where they can make choices, use their imaginations, and create with their hands. On Artsy Thursday celebrate the joy and learning children experience when engaged in creative art making. Use any materials - from crayons to paint, clay to crafts!.

**TRY THIS:***Bring art outdoors! Offer dark and light paper, chalk and pastels, and suggest children create their own versions of the day and night sky!*

**Family Friday   April 15, 2016
Sharing family stories**

Engaging and celebrating families is at the heart of supporting our youngest learners. NAEYC applauds family members’ role as young children’s first and most important teachers.  Share pictures and stories about your family.

**TRY THIS:***Invite parents for a Family Friday breakfast, where children can prepare and share breakfast treats with their families!*