Themes: Camping, Nature and Summer!

# Camping!

Have you ever been camping? Going camping is a fun and exciting activity that some people like to do in the summer. Some people camp in tents, cabins or campers. There are many fun things to do while camping including fishing, relaxing, having campfires and spending time with family and friends.

### Tasks:

- 1. A camping trip article read this short story about a camping trip. Complete the four questions that follow if you wish!
- 2. <u>Sequencing A Camping Trip</u> Use this organizer to put A Camping Trip in order. Can you use the extra organizer (or create your own!) and put something from your life in order?
- 3. Some people like to hike or walk in nature while they are camping. Use this <a href="Nature scavenger hunt">Nature scavenger hunt</a> sheet to see how many items you can find outside your very own front door! If you are not able to print this list, grab a piece of paper and write down your favorite 8 items from the list and head outside to hunt!

## Summer Camp!

Some kids go to summer camp each summer. Sometimes people go to camp for sports or special interests too. There are so many fun things to do at camp. Can you create your own summer camp today?

## Tasks:

- 1. When kids go to summer camp and stay overnight they often write letters to their family while they are gone. Write a letter to someone in your life and tell them some things about your summer.
- 2. People often camp out in tents. Gather some blankets and get creative to build your own reading tent! Use chairs or a table to put the blankets over to create a tent. Grab a flashlight if you have one and some books. Spend time reading in your tent today. Can you read at least five books? Here is a way to keep track of your reading- Catch The Reading Bug List
- 3. Have you ever had a S'more? Sometimes people like to make S'mores on a campfire. Here is a simple <u>S'more recipe</u>. Choose your favorite summer food and write down the steps for how you think it is made. Draw Three pictures of the recipe being made and label them "First", "Next" and "Last".
  - ★ Did the S'more recipe make you hungry? Did you know that you can make a S'more with a solar oven instead of a fire? Follow this link to learn how to make one with simple materials you may already have around your house.

#### Summer Bake Sale!

Sometimes you will see lemonade stands or summer bake sales happening around town. Tasks:

1. Click on the <u>Ways to make 10</u>, <u>math summer bake sale</u> menu. Pretend you have \$10.00 to spend at the bake sale. Get a piece of paper and write down as many combinations as you can to spend your \$10.00!

2. Write your own menu with prices and make your entire menu equal \$10.00.

#### The Sun!

The sun is actually a star. Many people enjoy looking at the stars in the summertime.

### Tasks:

- 1. Read this article- What are stars? Use a piece of construction paper if you have some to create sun prints. Place the paper in the sun. Place objects on the paper in any design you want. Leave the objects on the paper in the sun for a couple of hours. Remove the objects and see your sun print!
- 2. Make a constellation (groups of stars in a specific pattern). Wondering what constellations are? Watch this video to learn more. Then, make your own! You can copy the pattern of one of the 88 named constellations or create your own design. Draw the stars of your constellation on a piece of paper (preferably dark colored). Place a piece of cardboard behind the paper. Use a thumbtack to pierce the paper where you've placed your stars. Then, hang your paper on a sunny window or shine a flashlight from behind to see your constellation!
- 3. Did you know that before watches were invented, people used the sun to tell time? Learn more by making your own sundial and testing it against a clock.

#### Extra Fun:

- Stargazing PBS video
- Sounds of Nature Video
- Pete The Cat Goes Camping
- How is a rainbow made: (Click "I am a student")
- And Then Summer Comes, Read aloud
- The Night Before Summer Vacation, Read aloud
- Stellarium Online Star Map