In the Summer

Summer is a great time to explore the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest with your baby. Longer days and warmer weather are perfect for exploring parks, beaches, or your own neighborhood.

**Ideas & Tips**

- Set up a water play space in your backyard. Sit with your baby and sing songs as you both have fun splashing, scooping and pouring the water. (Never leave baby unattended.)
- Spread out a large piece of butcher paper and finger paint outside. Enjoy making a mess together! Recipes for edible paints can be found online.
- Pack a book and a blanket and find a shady place at the park to read to your baby. Pause in the story if something in the park catches your baby’s attention. Talk about the story as well as the world around you.
- Explore a beach near you. Talk about the smells, sounds and sights.
- Visit a Washington State Park. Penrose Point in Lakebay has lawn and beach areas.
- Sunnyside Beach Park in Steilacoom has a sandy beach and play spaces.
- Visit the Library for books and story times for you and your baby to enjoy!

**More Books**

- *Baby Loves Summer* by Karen Katz
- *I’m Sunny* by Jennifer Holm
- *Sun* by Carol Thompson
- *What a Wonderful World* by Bob Thiele

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**Rhyming Fun**

**The Sun**

Over there, the sun goes up
(extend arm out to side)
And marches all the day
(raise arm slowly)
At noon it stands
straight overhead
/arm straight up/
At night it goes away
(lower arm slowly down)
(For an infant: the adult can move baby’s arm while saying the rhyme. Repeat rhyme, using other arm.)

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**Get going today!**

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