

WEEK: 23

THEME: Trying New Things LETTER: X

Circle time: calendar, weather, sing songs, read a book, letter of the week, discussion, and craft

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BOOK	<u>Giraffes Can't Dance</u> by: Giles Andrede	<u>Little Bat</u> by: Tania Cox	<u>We're Going on a Lion Hunt</u> by: David Axtell	<u>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</u> by: Bill Martin Jr. & John Archambault	<u>Dot the Fire Dog</u> by: Lisa Desimini
DISCUSSION	Introduce the word "challenge" and discuss it's meaning	Have children think of times that they tried something new	Brainstorm ways you can work through frustration when trying something difficult	Introduce the phrase "Yes, I can!" and practice using it	Try something new!
CREATIVE ART	MAKE SOMETHING NEW: Put out new art materials(tin foil, cardboard, fabric) that you may not have used before and encourage your child to create.	BEFORE AND AFTER PLATES: On a paper plate, draw a picture of how you felt before trying something new and on the other side draw how you felt after.	PATTERN ACTIVITY: Cutout different shapes out of paper and have your child glue them into different patterns.	DRUMS: Cover coffee cans or oatmeal containers with construction paper and have children decorate them.	JOURNAL: Make a journal of drawings of the new things you try. Keep track of the date and time and how you felt doing it!

KIDS CRAFT



HOW TO REINFORCE THE THEME

Free play : play the beat on your new drum (above) while listening to your favorite song

Math and Science : play beat patterns on your drum, for example light tap, hard tap, light tap, hard tap, after reading Little Bat, name the characteristics of bats (wings, black, nocturnal, etc.), gather different materials from nature and create patterns with them (rock-twig-leaf, rock-twig-leaf)

Gross Motor : build an obstacle course inside or outside, have fun pretending to dance like the animals in Giraffes Can't Dance

