

Rainforest & South America

Dates	Theme	Geography	Circle & Share Day	Montessori	Enrichment Overview
Week 1 4/30-5/4	Rainforest *Learn the layers of the rainforest * Cut, paste, and label the rainforest	South America *Locate S.A. on the map *Learn 5 countries of S.A.	Calendar Routine Discussion: Metamorphosis Share Day (Friday): Wear something with buttons	Zoology: Life cycle of a butterfly Botany: Plants of the RF Science: Make jungle slime Art: Egg carton art Grace/Courtesy: How to pour a drink	<p>Music: Latin American music encompasses a wide variety of styles, including influential genres such as bachata, bossa nova, merengue, rumba, salsa, samba, son, and tango. During the 20th century, many styles were influenced by the music of the United States giving rise to genres such as Latin pop, rock, jazz, hip hop, and reggaeton. Children will have the opportunity to explore these sounds while continuing their routine songs and movement activities.</p> <p>Art: Indigenous art from the Amazon region will be explored as we are studying the rainforest this month. Masks, feather work, bright colors and textiles will be explored so give children an understanding of the art that is produced by native people of the Amazon and other parts of South America.</p> <p>Cooking: Children will explore some of the more popular dishes of South America and the difference of how they prepare meals vs. how we cook in North America. We will continue to practice our reading, measuring and mixing skills as we prepare snacks and dishes throughout the month.</p> <p>Computer: ABC Mouse will continue to guide children with a self-paced curriculum and track their progress through language, math and reading. Parents can check progress at home.</p> <p>Spanish: South American culture will be explored. We will look at pictures of different types of clothing, food and typical life of children from different countries. Children will learn the names of the different layers of the rainforest and the most popular animals that live within the rainforest.</p>
Week 2 5/7- 5/11 *Teacher Appreciation Week *5/11 – Mother’s Day Celebration	Rainforest *Rainforest animals *Color a rainforest animal booklet	South America *Explore the colorful animals of S.A. *Build a diorama habitat	Calendar Routine Discussion: What is an ecosystem Share Day (Friday): Wear something colorful	Zoology: Toucans Botany: Venus fly trap Science: Raise butterflies Art: Mother’s Day art Grace/Courtesy: Appropriate table conversations	
Week 3 5/14-5/18 *Parent-Teacher Conference 5/17-5/18	Rainforest *Explore rainforests around the world *Create a rainforest terrarium	South America *Look at S.A. flags * Create a S.A. flag	Calendar Routine Discussion: Why are rainforests important Share Day (Friday): Wear something brown	Zoology: Sloths Botany: Flowers of the RF Science: Observe the butterflies Art: Chalk art Grace/Courtesy: How to be patient	
Week 4 5/21-5/25	Rainforest *Learn the dangers of a rainforest *Watch a movie Ferngully: The Last Rainforest	South America *Learn about famous landmarks *Use matching landmark cards	Calendar Routine Discussion: Rainforest conservation Share Day (Friday): Wear something with stripes	Zoology: Parts of a gorilla Botany: Trees of the RF Science: Make a rain stick Art: Feather art Grace/Courtesy: How to walk in the classroom	
Week 5 5/28-6/1 *School Closed 5/28 – Memorial Day	Rainforest *Look at the food web of the rainforest *Play an I-spy RF game	South America *Explore culture of S.A. * Watch the festivals and dances of S.A.	Calendar Routine Discussion: Predators and Prey Share Day (Friday): Wear something with an animal on it	Zoology: Parts of a fish Botany: Fruits of the RF Science: Explore waterfalls Art: Ribbon art Grace/Courtesy: How to put our belongings away	

*Each child has an individualized lesson plan in alignment with the Montessori Curriculum. This calendar represents an overview of concepts that will be introduced over the month and may not reflect exact lessons for your child.