“u” is for umber umbrella

DATE: Jan 13-17

THEME OF WEEK: “UTTERLY UNBELIEVABLE”
SPECIAL LITERATURE: “THAT’S NOT MY UNICORN”

LITERACY – LETTER “U” ACTIVITIES

Day 1: Practice alphabet from “a-u” using zoophonics cards	**Day 2:** Make an alphabet stick puppet **(small group)**	**Day 3:** Complete “dot-to-dot” (**small group)**	**Day 4**: Complete umber umbrella’s alliteration page	**Day 5:** Zoophonics letter sounds activity

MATH - #21

Day 1: Practice math rhyme “umber umbrella bird flies to the sun, holds his umbrella and counts to 21.”	**Day 2:** On a piece of paper, glue small umber umbrella Animal Picture Letters with the rhyme and number 21 (**small group**)	**Day 3**: Place objects out on a table - some that are the same, and some that are unlike each other. Have children find the objects that are unlike each other. How about covering and uncovering the objects before sorting!	**Day4:** Reinforce spatial concepts such as: under, over, up, down and underneath. Hide objects under, over, up, down and underneath things, and give children clues to finding the lost items.	**Day 5**: Counting raindrops activity using numbered umbrellas

PSYCHO-MOTOR

Day 1: Have children pretend to be umber umbrella birds and fly around. They can fly fast, slow, upside down or underneath things	**Day 2:** Learn how to unbutton, unbuckle, untie, unfasten, unlock, unzip, unhook, untwist, unwrap, and undress	**Day 3:** Pin the horn on the unicorn	**Day 4:** Walk upstairs or uphill.	**Day 5**: Zoorobics!

MUSIC AND RHYTHM

All week: During this 21st week we will practice the Zoophonics signals by singing “Come meet us at the Zoo” (zoophonics CD)

- Make ukuleles out of shoeboxes by stringing rubber bands across the opening. Have your “new musicians” accompany ukulele music. Invite a ukulele player to the class, or play music that accents the instrument. Locate Hawaiian music.

SOCIAL STUDIES AND SOCIAL COMMUNICATION

- What about the “land down under?” Discover Australia. It is one of the most fascinating places in the world. They have the most unusual and amazing animals (sea creatures included)! Look on the map or globe to find this large continent. (By the way, the Croc Hunter comes from Australia. And so does our friend, kayo kangaroo!
- Show pictures of Uncle Sam! Explain that he is a symbol of the United States, personified as a tall man with white whiskers, dressed in red, white and blue. Discuss how the United States is inclusive of all peoples. That is what has always made this nation great. Many cultures bring new ideas to our country. But, greater than that is that America, as a whole, has always had a heart for all races of people.

SCIENCE – ACTIVITIES BEGINNING WITH LETTER “U”

Day 1: Show umber umbrella’s Nature Wall Card. Describe where he lives.	**Day 2:** Learn facts about the planet Uranus.	**Day 3**: Learn about umbrellas. Learn what they are used for and how to use them.	**Day 4:** Bubbles! Make your own bubble blowers with pipe cleaners and liquid dish soap.	**Day 5**: Try a “Sink and Float” activity. At the water table or bin, have children experiment with various items that go underwater (sink), and those that stay on top or above (float).

ARTS AND CRAFTS – ACTIVITIES BEGINNING WITH “U”

Day 1: umber’s paper plate craft	**Day 2:** umber umbrella’s letter find and color page	**Day 3**: umber’s “complete the drawing”	**Day 4:** Paper plate umbrella craft	**Day 5**: Create your own unicorn horn.