

Rays of Fingers (Calendar Craft)

This month's calendar craft is very simple and easy to complete in a short amount of time. Your child's handprints will complete a picture of the sun – a good indicator, summer is here! For more craft activities and ideas, please visit www.signingtime.com or www.signingtimekids.org.

Materials Needed:

- Yellow tempera paint
- May Calendar page (backside/upside down)
- Foil
- Thin tipped marker
- Construction paper (optional)



Book Link:

"Summer" by Alice Low

"Sun Up, Sun Down" by Gail Gibbons

Time to create!

Step 1: Using the backside of your May calendar page (upside down), your child will be creating a sun with his/her handprints. Kids are sure to love this project as it is easy, fast and fun!

Step 2: Pour some of the yellow tempera paint onto your foil. Using your child's hand, place the hand into the paint covering all areas of the palm and fingers. Then, one by one begin stamping your child's handprints moving in the shape of a circle. Use as much or as little paint as you would like when creating your sun.

Step 3: Be sure to use soap and water and wash your child's hands thoroughly. Allow your sun to dry completely. Using a permanent marker, have you or your child make a smiley face on his/her sun to complete it. Below, you will find a short poem for your child to include as well. You might like to write the poem around the sun, or you might like to write it onto a piece of construction paper and place it onto your calendar page...get creative!

Step 4: Remember to label some part of this calendar page with the month "June." You might like to use stickers or write the month yourself. Have fun!

Rays of sun beaming all around
Can you hear that? What's that sound?
Bees are buzzing in my ears
Can you believe it? Summer's here!

