



“Spring”

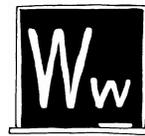
What’s new in our class this week

We are learning songs, rhymes,
and doing activities related to

“Spring”

This week we will learn about the seasons and how the seasons change through the year. We will talk about how many animal babies are born in the spring and learn the names of baby animals. For example, a calf is a baby cow, a foal is a baby horse, and a duckling is a baby duck.

New Letter



Big “W” and little “w”

Some “W” words we will talk about are **W**agon, **W**ater, and **W**atch!

Letter Talk

“Letter Talk” is what we use to help children learn how to form letters!

Letter Talk for big ‘W’

Slanted line down. Slanted line up. Slanted line down. Slanted line up again.

Letter Talk for little ‘w’

Shorter slanted line down. Slanted line up. Slanted line down. Slanted line up again.

Draw letters in the air, in shaving cream on the counter or in the tub!

Letters to review

I, F, S, M, A, L, D, R, N, P, C, V, B, T, H, Q, K and E.

New Concept

Making predictions

Making predictions is important. You may have heard the saying “You can’t judge a book by its cover”. However, the cover is generally what children use to pick a book. If the cover is not interesting, chances are your child will not pick that book. Your child will predict if the book will be good or not based on the cover.

New Songs



“Old MacDonald”

“Ring Around a Rosy”

New Book: “Spring Is Here” by Taro Gomi



We will predict what the book will be about based on the cover. As we read this book we will decide if our predictions were correct or not. We will also relate the book to our own lives by talking about the different seasons in the book and how they are the same or different from the seasons where we live.

Predicting involves higher order thinking skills and is an important skill as your child grows and develops. The best way to develop it is by practicing often. Help your child by asking them to predict many different things

(What do you think is inside this box? I wonder who is calling on the telephone?).

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Spring Walk

Spring is a great time to get outdoors and witness new birth. Before you take a walk, talk with your child about what you will see and do.

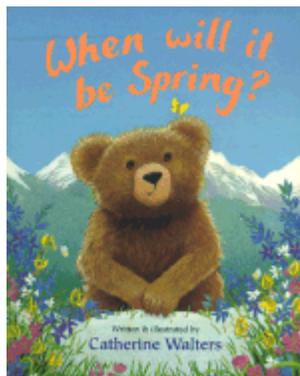
- Name the things you will look for, such as flowers and animals.
- Have a scavenger hunt using paper bags to collect items.
- On your walk call attention to the rough, spiky leaves of a tree or the striped, velvety petals of a flower.
- Using descriptions such as these help develop your child's vocabulary.
- Afterwards, make up a story about the items you collected on your hunt. Then, make a collage with your child using the things found during your walk.



Books related to theme

- "Hopper Hunts for Spring" by Marcus Pfister
- "How Do You Know It's Spring?" by Allan Fowler
- "It's Spring" by Samantha Berger
- "Pooh's Favorite Things About Spring" by Kathleen W. Zoehfeld
- "Snappy Little Springtime" by Dugald Steer

Book Pick: "When Will It be Spring?" by Catherine Walters



This is a story about a little bear cub who is too excited to sleep during the winter. The curious little cub is too excited about spring. Mother bear urges him to sleep, but he cannot wait to see tiny butterflies and hear baby birds chirp in the trees. The cover and the illustrations will help your child predict that this will be a book they will want you to read again and again.

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Try These Tips at Home

Help your child learn about: Making Predictions

- Before you read with your child, look at the cover of the book and guess what the book will be about. Explain to your child that they do not have to worry about being right or wrong. Tell them they cannot be wrong when they make a prediction because it is just like guessing about what the book will be about.
- Tell your child two or three of the ingredients you will use to make lunch (bread, jelly, and peanut butter). Have your child predict what they think you will be having for lunch (Peanut butter and jelly sandwich!).
- When reading with your child, have your child predict what they think will happen next in the story before you turn the page.

Teach your child about the letters: W and w

- Have your child give you a "thumbs up" whenever you read or say a word that starts with "w".
- Help your child write all the words they can think of that start with a "w" or have a "w" somewhere in the word.
- Take turns thinking of words that begin with "w".

Help your child learn more about: Spring

- Go on a walk around your neighborhood and talk about all the different things you see that tell you Spring is here.
- Play a game with your child by giving them clues about a season and have them guess the season. You might say "I am the season when the snow melts and the flowers begin to bloom. What season am I?" (Spring).