

Johnson County Library's

BOOKS TO GROW

Kit theme: **Seasons**

- Book titles included:
 1. **Old Bear** by Kevin Henkes
 2. **Fletcher and the Falling Leaves** by Julia Rawlinson
 3. **All Around the Seasons** by Barney Saltzberg
 4. **Red Sings From the Treetops** by Joyce Sidman
 5. **Leaves** by David Stein
- DVD: **First Impressions: Seasons**
- CD: **A Child's Calendar**



Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

Season Song by Marcy Barack

Green Eyes by Abe Birnbaum

All Year Long by Kathleen Deady

It's Fall by Linda Glaser

It's Spring by Linda Glaser

It's Summer by Linda Glaser

It's Winter by Linda Glaser

Park Beat by Jonathan London

Turning of the Year by Bill Martin

Here Comes Spring and Summer and Fall and Winter by Mary Murphy

Four Seasons Make a Year by Anne Rockwell

When Earth Wakes by Ani Rucki

Very Hairy Bear by Alice Schertle

Bunny for all Seasons by Janet Schulman

Snowy, Flowy, Blowy by Nancy Tafuri

Friends and Pals and Brothers, Too by Sarah Wilson

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Tell Stories

Look for Letters

Take Time to Rhyme

Activity Ideas - SEASONS

- As the earth rotates, the sun's light shines in different parts of your house at different times of the day. Cut circles out of yellow construction paper. In the morning, ask your child to find where the sun shines in the room. Tape the circle so it's in the sun. In the afternoon, check your circles. Are they still in the sun? Why does the sun shine in some windows all day long, while in other rooms it shines only in the morning or in the afternoon?
- Why do we have warm days and cold days? Does the sun give us heat? Have the children predict what will melt in the sun. What kinds of items will get hot but not melt? Put some items in a muffin tin and place them in the sun. Observe what happens. A fun activity is to place a piece of chocolate in a foil cupcake paper and cover lightly with clear plastic. Place it in the sun. When the chocolate melts, let the children dip pretzels in the melted chocolate.
- To enhance your preschoolers dressing skills as well as his knowledge of the seasons, gather up clothing worn during the different seasons. Engage in pretend play while talking about the seasons, the weather during each, and how we adapt our clothing so that we are comfortable. Make it fun by adding clothing like Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts, big boots, and lots of hats and scarves and sunglasses. Don't forget the umbrella!
- Play the I See Something game outside. Say "I see something and it is green!" Encourage your child to guess what it is. If he doesn't guess it quickly, you can add qualifiers to help your child. "It's green and it's soft and it tickles your bare feet." Let your child have the next turn. An alternative activity would be to take an empty paper towel roll and show your child how to look through it. Use the tube to find your object.
- Write a letter to your child about the weather. An example:
Dear Suzie (Dear Boys and Girls)
Today is Tuesday and it is raining cats and dogs outside.
Did you wear your raincoat today?
Later we will work on a rainy day activity.
Love, Mom (Love, Mrs. Smith)

If you use an expression like "raining cats and dogs" you have the perfect opportunity to discuss idioms.

Leaves on the Trees (Tune: Wheels on the Bus)

The leaves on the trees are falling down, falling down, falling down

The Leaves on the trees are falling down, all through the town.

Other verses: The leaves on the trees turn orange and brown.

The leaves on the trees go swish, swish, swish.

Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall

(to the tune *This Old Man*)

Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall

There are seasons, four in all.

Weather changes, sun and rain and snow,

Leaves fall down and flowers grow.

Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall

There are seasons, four in all.

Look outside and you will see

Just what season it will be!

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