

Johnson County Library's

BOOKS TO GROW

Kit theme: **SPRING**

- Book titles included:
 1. **Waiting for Wings** by Lois Ehlert
 2. **Who's Awake in Springtime** by Phillis Gershator
 3. **Little Chick** by Amy Hest
 4. **First the Egg** by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
 5. **Chalk** by Bill Thomson
- DVD: **Stanley – Spring Fever**
- CD: **Mushroom in the Rain** (Book & CD)



Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

Splish, Splash Spring by Jan Carr
Rain Song by Leslie Evans
Turtle Splash by Cathryn Falwell
In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming
Tillie Lays an Egg by Terry Golson
One Little Seed by Elaine Greenstein
Duck and Duckling by Margaret Hall
Jump Frog Jump by Robert Kalan
When Spring Comes by Natlie Kinsey-Warnock
The Twelve Days of Springtime: A School Counting Book by Deborah Lee

Spring is Here by Lois Lenski
When Spring Comes by Robert Maas
Listen to the Rain by Bill Martin
Red Rubber Boot Day by Mary Ray
Henry & Mudge in Puddle Trouble by Cynthia Rylant
Spring: An Alphabet Acrostic by Steven Schnur
City Dog, Country Frog by Mo Willems
Mortimer's First Garden by Karma Wilson

See the back for activities to help children with these 6 by 6 *Ready to Read* early literacy areas:

Have Fun With Books

Notice Print

Talk, Talk, Talk

Tell Stories

Look for Letters

Take Time to Rhyme

Activity Ideas - SPRING

Build a nest much like the birds do. Using dried grasses, twigs, scraps of paper, yarn, string, feathers and mud, form a nest shape, weaving materials together. Line the nest with cotton fluff or feathers. When the nest dries it can be used for decoration or to spark discussion.

(From *Earth Art*).

Take a listening walk. Listen to birds singing, leaves rustling, rain and wind and talk about what you hear.

After reading *Chalk* take some sidewalk chalk outside and draw pictures of objects you see. Ask your child to tell you about what they are drawing and make up stories together.

SPRING IS ALL AROUND

(Tune: *Old Macdonald Had a Farm*)

Refrain (after each verse)

In the woods, I took a walk

On a sunny day

As I walked, I looked around

Sure enough I found:

First Verse

Flowers blooming here, flowers
blooming there, here blooming, there
blooming, everywhere they're blooming,
Spring is all around.

(Fingers bloom from closed fist)

Second Verse

Birds a nesting here, birds a nesting
there, here a nesting, there a
nesting, everywhere birds a nesting,
Spring is all around.

(Wiggle down into nesting position, add first verse)

Third Verse

Sunny spot so warm, warm, warm...

(Hands together over head to form sun,
add second and first verses)

Fourth Verse

Big mud puddle, puddle, puddle...

(Pretend splashing with feet, add previous verses)

Fifth Verse

Frogs a croaking, croaking, croaking...

(Squatting position hop, add previous verses)

(From *Rain Day Activities*)

FOUR LITTLE FLOWERS

(Make flowers out of flannel or felt
and let the children remove them as
the rhyme describes. Or have them
use their fingers to show how many.)

Four little flowers I did see,
I picked one flower and then there
were three.

Three little flowers pretty and new,
I picked another and then there
were two.

Two little flowers out in the sun,
I picked one more and then there
was one.

One little flower left in the sun,
I picked it, too, and then there
was none.

(From *Theme-A-Saurus II* by Jean Warren)



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