



Every Your Child Ready to Read ***Seasons* Toddler Time @ Corinth Library**

Extension Activities to help practice the six pre-reading skills*
your child can start learning from birth!

1. Narrative Skills: Being able to describe things and events and tell stories.

- Talk with your child about what we did at toddler time today.
- Can the two of you retell what happened in one of these stories from today :
Month by Month a Year Goes Round by Carol Shields All Year Long by Kathleen Deady
Here Comes Spring... by Mary Murphy Right Outside My Window by Mary Ann Hoberman
- Check out a book to read at home and then talk about what happens first, next and last in the story.

2. Print Motivation: Being interested in and enjoying books.

- Children who enjoy books will want to learn to read, help your child pick a book she/he wants to take home.
- Make book-sharing time a special time for closeness between you and your child.

3. Vocabulary: Knowing the name of things.

- Ask your child to name some things that they might see or do for each of the different seasons.
- When your child talks to you, add more detail to what she says.

4. Print Awareness: Noticing print, knowing how to handle books & how to follow the words on a page.

- Look for printed words on a colorful calendar or date book.
- When you read to your child, point to some of the words as you say them, especially words that are repeated.

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<http://www.ala.org/ala/pla/plaissues/earlylit/earlyliteracy.htm>

5. Letter Knowledge: Knowing letters are different from each other, knowing their names and sounds and recognizing letters everywhere.

- Help your child play with the letter “S”: You can draw it with a crayon, shape it out of play dough, line up oyster crackers in an S on a bowl of soup.

6. Phonological Awareness: Being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.

- Say the rhymes from toddler time at home. Rhymes help children hear the sounds that make up words, a skill that helps children sound out words as they begin to read.
- Sing the songs from toddler time, in most songs each syllable in a word gets a different note.

Season

[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!

Seasons of the Year

[Tune: Here we go round the Mulberry Bush]

Chorus:

Here we go round the year again,
The year again, the year again.
Here we go round the year again,
to greet the different seasons.

Wintertime is time for snow.
To the south, the birds will go.
It's too cold for plants to grow,
Because it is the winter.

In the springtime, days grow warm.
On the plants, the new buds form.
Bees and bugs come out to swarm
Because it is the spring.

In summertime, the days are hot.
Ice cold drinks I drink a lot!
At the beach, I've got a spot.
Because it is the summer.

Fall is here, the air is cool.
Days are short, it's back to school.
Raking leaves is now the rule
Because it is the autumn.

The Seasons

by Gloria T. Delamar

In spring, the gentle falling rain,
Flutter fingers downward
Makes the earth all green again.
Make a ball of hands to represent earth.
In summer, sun shines on the ground,
Make ball overhead to represent sun.
And we see flowers all around.
Hold hands up with fingertips fanned.
In autumn, winds blow round us all,
Pass hands back and forth in front of chest.
In winter, snow drifts white and deep,
With open hands, bring arms down in wavy motion.
To make a blanket for earth's sleep.
Cover one fist with palm of other hand.

The Solar System in Motion

[Tune: Farmer in the Dell]

The earth turns around; the earth turns around.
Once a day, every day the earth turns around.

The moon goes round the earth; the moon goes
round the earth. Once a month,
every month the moon goes round the earth.

The earth goes round the sun; the earth goes round the sun.
Once a year, every year the earth goes round the sun.

The stars are all around the stars are all around.
Here and there and everwhere the stars are all around.



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