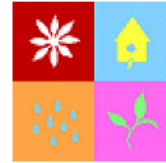


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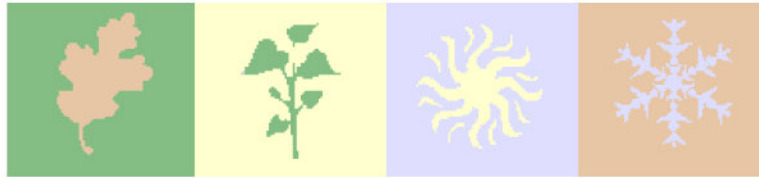
Storytelling Tips

- Discuss the four seasons and in which order they come
- Discuss the weather you might see in those seasons
- Discuss what season it is now
- Discuss the changes that occur with each season (hibernation, plant growth)
- Discuss the temperature changes with each season
- Discuss the clothing that might be worn during each season
- Discuss activities that people do in each season
- Discuss holidays that occur in each season



Activities

- Play felt game provided
- Sing songs on song sheet
- Make beach collage
- Make an ivory snow scene
- Make egg carton umbrellas
- Make leaf hand prints
- Go for a walk to discuss what season it is and the changes they see
- Play the clothing toss game on the creative sheet
- Buy an outdoor thermometer and discuss the temperature regularly (you could even chart it with an older child)
- Try some of the seasonal activities you talked about in your discussions
- Ice skate in Clark square (free)
- Walk in the leaves in Ojibway park (free)
- Visit the gardens in Queen Elizabeth Park (Jackson Park)
- Go to the many beaches in the area (holiday beach)



Vocabulary

(some words to think about and use in your discussions)

Winter	Colours	Snowy	Flower
spring	temperature	rain	plant
fall	frost	cloudy	shade
summer	cold	windy	water
Autumn	warm	Sunny	Ice
hibernate	hot	foggy	clothing
grow	harvest	evergreen	season
bud	change	leaves	seed



Songs

SPRING IS HERE
(sung to London Bridge)

Leaves are growing on the trees,
On the trees, on the trees
Leaves are growing on the trees
Spring is here.

Additional verses

- All the grass is turning green
- See the baby birds in their nests
- Watch the flowers start to grow



IN THE SUMMERTIME
(Frère Jacques)

I love swimming, I love swimming
Yes I do, yes I do
In the summertime, in the summertime
How about you? How about you?

JUST WATCH THEM BLOW
(sung to The Farmer in the Dell)

The trees are bending low
The hats fly to and fro
Heigh-ho, just watch them blow
The wind is blowing so

The kites are in the sky
The flags are flying high
Heigh-ho, just watch them blow
The wind is blowing by



CRUNCHY LEAVES (CHANT)

We make such a crunchy sound
In the leaves upon the ground
Crunchy, crunchy, hear the noise
Made in leaves by girls and boys

(Spring Is Here, In The Summertime, and
Just Watch Them Blow taken from 123child.com)
(Crunchy Leaves taken from Creative Teaching
In Early Childhood Education)

Things to Make

BEACH COLLAGE

Materials

- paper (preferably blue)
- Glue, glue stick
- Shells, sand, feathers, yellow circles (sun)

How-To

- have children put glue on the bottom of the paper
- Sprinkle sand on glue to make beach (let dry)
- Allow children to glue other items on to their "beach"



SNOW SCENE

Materials

- ivory snow (white laundry detergent), or shaving cream
- Black construction paper

How-To

- mix small amount of water with detergent in cup
- Spoon some, or spray shave cream on paper
- Let children mix around page with fingers to create scene

EGG CARTON UMBRELLA

Materials

- one section of egg carton
- One pipe cleaner
- Crayons, or markers, and/or stickers

How-To

- decorate the bottom of the egg carton
- Stick pipe cleaner into the inside so it stays
- Bend the end of the pipe cleaner sticking out of the "umbrella"

HAND LEAF PRINTS

Materials

- paper (preferably construction)
- Paint (fall colours)
- Scissors

How-To

- have children dip hands into paint
- Print hands onto paper
- Cut out (looks like leaves)



Make paper tree to hang the leaves on, or use a branch and potted in a margarine tub and playdough

CLOTHES TOSS

Materials

- take various pieces of weather clothing (hats, boots, sandals, etc)

How-To

- put the clothing in a pile on floor
- Call out a season and the children have to find a piece of clothing That we would wear during that season
- Variation-have the child(ren) see how fast they can dress for the season
- Variation-pick out a piece of clothing have children guess the season