

MAY

THEME: Nature All Around Us **FOCUS:** Children learn about their environment by investigating characteristics of the natural world.

ALPHABET KNOWLEDGE

T, U, V, & W

Say words with different beginning sounds and have your child clap their hands when you say a word that starts with the above sounds.

LET'S GET PHYSICAL!

Pretend to be bears in the spring coming out of hibernation (wake up, look for food, explore, growl, etc.)

SONG OF THE MONTH

Leaves Falling Down

Tune: London Bridge

Move your body like the falling items below.

ALL THE LEAVES ARE FALLING DOWN,
FALLING DOWN,
FALLING DOWN.

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IT IS AUTUMN.

(SNOW/WINTER, RAIN/SPRING, SUN SHINING/SUMMER)

VOCABULARY WORDS

Roots
Seeds
Sky
Stars
Weather
Temperature
Seasons
Melt

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<p>DISCUSSION TOPICS</p>	<p>Discuss the life cycle of a plant. Head to the internet for visual aids.</p>	<p>Talk about the rotation of the earth and how we see the sun during the day and the moon at night. What other objects are in the sky?</p>	<p>Introduce the term temperature and explain how it effects the weather, such as snow and thunderstorms.</p>	<p>Talk about the four seasons and the visual changes we see with each, such as snow, changing leaves and rain.</p>
<p>CREATIVE ART IDEAS</p>	<p>FLOWER: Paint a coffee filter with watercolors. After it dries, twist the middle of the coffee filter and attach a pipe cleaner to make the stem.</p>	<p>STAR MOBILE: Cut stars out of paper, then cutout the center of a paper plate, leaving the outer rim, punch holes and attach stars using string. You can also use glow in the dark stars!!</p>	<p>WEATHER JOURNAL: Staple together five pieces of paper to make a journal. Each day of the week have your child draw what the weather was for that day.</p>	<p>Q-TIP TREES: Provide your child with four pieces of paper with bare trees, Q-tips and red, green, white, & orange paint. Have them decorate each tree in the four seasons.</p>

ENHANCED LEARNING

LEARN THROUGH PLAY

- Collect different things in nature and add it to a pot of water to make your own "soup".
 - Make your own garden using playdough!
- Pretend to be a weathercaster and report on the daily weather.
- Play dress up using different seasonal items, such as hats, mittens, rainboots and sunglasses.

MATH AND SCIENCE

- Place bean seeds and a moist paper towel in a zip bag, tape it to a sunny window and watch it grow.
- Look up at the night sky and find stars and constellations.
- Take an ice cube outside on a sunny day and observe it throughout the day and watch it melt.
- Cut open an apple and investigate the insides.

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