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Introduction

Welcome to the Spring Weather Preschool Circle Time Plan, a fun and engaging five-day curriculum designed to help young learners explore the beauty of spring through hands-on activities, stories, and group discussions. This plan introduces preschoolers to different types of spring weather, including sunshine, rain, wind, and the signs of the changing season.

Each day focuses on a new weather theme with carefully selected read-alouds, interactive circle time discussions, science experiments, art projects, and sensory play that encourage curiosity and creativity.

What's Included:

1. Detailed Circle Time plans

Each day of the week is planned with a structured circle time agenda that includes:

- Introduction: A brief and captivating introduction to the daily theme, setting the stage for the day's activities.
- Song: A fun and educational song related to the daily theme, designed to engage children and reinforce learning through music and movement.
- Read aloud and discussion: A carefully selected picture book paired with thoughtprovoking discussion questions to enhance comprehension and encourage interaction.
- Activities: Creative and hands-on activities that complement the day's theme, fostering gross and fine motor skills, creativity, and critical thinking.

2. Posters and props

Enhance Circle Time with visual and tactile aids:

- Posters: Vibrant posters featuring the lyrics and illustrations for each daily song, making it easy for children to follow along and participate. The product also includes non-fiction posters, providing educational content alongside the fun.
- Props: Printable props related to each song and theme help bring the songs and stories to life and engage children in interactive play.

3. Printables for all activities:

Not all days include activities that require printables. However, optional printables are included for each day if you would like to use them. They include:

- Group activity printables
- Worksheets
- Craft templates

Why You'll Love This Resource:

- Comprehensive and convenient learning: A complete week of themed learning activities and resources in one packet.
- **Easy to use:** Detailed plans, printables, and props make it straightforward to create a dynamic and engaging circle time experience.
- **Educational and entertaining:** Each component is designed to be both educational and fun, keeping children excited and involved.

Happy Teaching:)

	Objective	Read Aloud	Activity
Day 1	Signs of Spring Children will explore and identify signs of spring, such as flowers, bugs, and changing weather.	Book: "Mouse's First Spring" by Lauren Thompson Discussion: Signs of spring that Mouse saw. Changes in nature during spring. Favorite things about spring.	Spring Sensory Bin Children will explore a sensory bin filled with spring-themed materials. Materials: Black beans , green crinkled paper, artificial flowers, toy bugs, scoops, tweezers.
Day 2	Rainy Days & Rainbows Children will understand the concept of rain, how clouds form, and how rain falls from the sky, while connecting the idea of rainy weather with outdoor activities and the appearance of rainbows.	Book: "Raindrop, Plop!" by Wendy Cheyette Lewison Discussion: The girl's rainy day adventure. Fun things to do in the rain. How we stay dry on rainy days.	Raincloud in a Jar Science Experiment Children will observe how rain forms by adding colored water to a shaving cream in a jar. Materials: Clear jar, water, shaving cream, blue food coloring, pipette.
Day 3	Windy Weather Children will explore the concept of wind and its effects on the environment, understanding how wind moves objects and imagining how it would feel to be the wind.	Book: "Like a Windy Day" by Frank Asch and Devin Asch Discussion: What the wind can do. The girl's windy day imagination. What we would do if we were the wind.	Windy Day Hair Painting Children will observe how Children will use straws to blow paint across a face template, creating a windblown hair effect. Materials: Face template, liquid watercolors, pipettes, straws, white cardstock.
Day 4	Sunshine & Warm Days Children will understand the process of plant growth and the basic needs of plants, such as soil, water, and sunlight, by planting seeds and observing their growth over time.	Book: "And Then It's Spring" by Julie Fogliano Discussion: What happened when the children waited for spring. How plants grow. What we could plant in the spring.	Planting a Seed Activity Children will plant seeds in small pots, learning what plants need to grow. Materials: Small pots, soil, seeds, water, spoons.
Day 5	Spring Clothes Children will identify spring clothing choices, including umbrellas, and understand how weather conditions like rain influence what we wear.	Book: "Worm Weather" by Jean Taft Discussion: The kids' rainy day fun. What clothes keep us dry. Fun activities to do on a rainy day.	Rainy Day Umbrella Art Children will decorate an umbrella template and create a rain effect using watercolor and straws. Materials: Printable umbrella template, oil pastels, blue watercolor, paintbrushes, paper straws.

Day 3: Windy Weather

Children will explore the concept of wind and its effects on the environment, understanding how wind moves objects and imagining how it would feel to be the wind.

Introduction

Ask the children, "Have you ever felt the wind blow on your face?" Let them share their experiences. Guide them toward ideas like how wind can move trees and blow things around. Discuss what wind feels like and how it changes the weather. Then ask, "What things can the wind move outside?" Encourage them to think of objects like kites, leaves, or their own hair.

Song

"Spring Weather" (Tune: "The Wheels on the Bus")

Prop: Spring weather props (one or more)

Actions: Encourage children to sing along and act out the movements suggested in the Circle Time Props section.



Read Aloud & Discussion

Book: "Like a Windy Day" by Frank Asch and Devin Asch

Before Reading: "Have you ever felt the wind blow on your face? What are some things that move when it's windy? In this book, a little girl imagines all the fun things she can do if she could be just like the wind. Let's find out what she does!"

After Reading: "The wind can do so many things! What are some of the things the girl imagined doing with the wind? If you could be the wind for a day, what would you do?"



Activity

Windy Day Hair Painting

Materials: Face template printed on cardstock, liquid watercolors (diluted), pipettes or droppers, drinking straws (cut in half), protective table covering, white cardstock (for extra durability).

Activity: Print the face template onto cardstock to ensure durability. Using a pipette, drop small amounts of liquid watercolor at the top of the head. Have children blow gently through a straw to push the paint, creating a "windblown hair" effect. Repeat with different colors and let the artwork dry before displaying. Discuss how wind moves objects, just like it moves hair on a breezy day.

Extension: Take children outside to observe how the wind moves leaves, hair, or scarves. Compare their artwork to real-life examples.



Circle Time Song Posters and Props

This section includes all song posters and props.

- Spring Weather complete song poster
- Spring Weather verse song posters
- bird prop
- rain cloud prop
- rainbow prop
- umbrella prop
- wind cloud prop
- sun prop







tune: The Wheels on the Bus

The birds in spring sing tweet, tweet, tweet, Tweet, tweet, tweet! Tweet, tweet, tweet! The birds in spring sing tweet, tweet, tweet, Waking up the day!

The rain in spring falls drip and drop, Drip and drop, drip and drop! The rain in spring falls drip and drop, Helping flowers grow!

The umbrella in spring goes up and out, Up and out, up and out! The umbrella in spring goes up and out, Keeping us all dry! The rainbow in spring shines bright and tall, Bright and tall, bright and tall! The rainbow in spring shines bright and tall, After the rain goes by!

The wind in spring blows whoosh and swirl, Whoosh and swirl, whoosh and swirl!
The wind in spring blows whoosh and swirl, Moving kites so high!

The sun in spring shines warm and bright, Warm and bright, warm and bright! The sun in spring shines warm and bright, Bringing longer days!



Classroom Posters

This section includes posters you might like to display in your classroom.

- Signs of Spring
- Water Cycle
- How a Rainbow Forms
- What is Wind?
- Plant Needs
- Dressing for a Rainy Day
- Dressing for a Windy Day







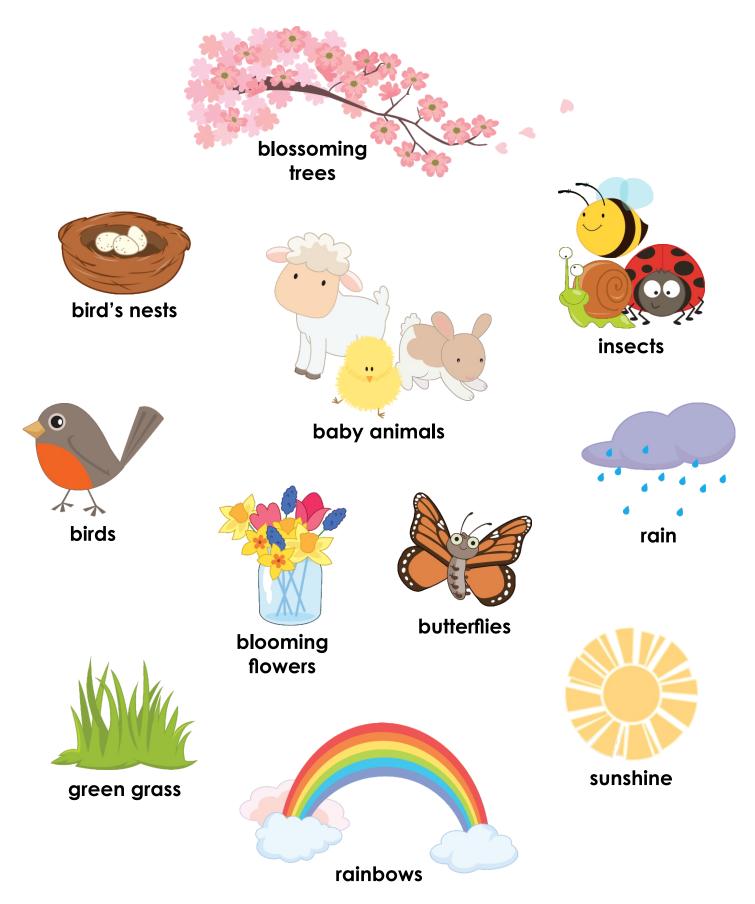








Signs of Spring



Activities & Worksheets

This section includes all the necessary lesson printables, along with some additional activities and worksheets. You can use these pages as outlined in the lesson plan or on different days, depending on your needs.

Day 1: Signs of Spring

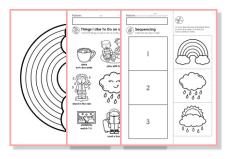
- Additional Activity: Signs of Spring Scavenger Hung
- Additional Activity: What is Different?





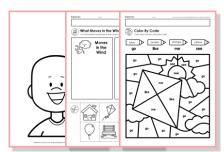
Day 2: Rainy Days and Rainbows

- Additional Activity: Rainbow Painting
- Additional Activity: Things I Like To Do on a Rainy Day
- Additional Activity: Sequencing: Rainbow Formation



Day 3: Windy Weather

- Lesson Activity: Windy Day Hair Art
- Additional Activity: Sorting What Moves in the Wind
- Additional Activity: Color by Code



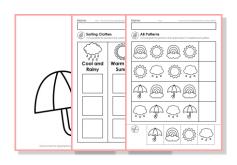
Day 4: Sunshine and Warm Days

- Additional Activity: Things I Like to Do on a Warm Day...
- Additional Activity: What Do Plants Need to Grow?



Day 5: Spring Clothes

- Lesson Activity: Rainy Day Umbrella Art
- Additional Activity: Sorting Clothes
- Additional Activity: AB Patterns



Signs of Spring

SCAVENGER HUNT

sun	flowers	rain
rabbit	bird	grass
blossom	rainbow	butterfly
bee _	nest	worm

Day 3 Activity: Windy Day Hair Painting Activity

This fun and engaging art project allows children to explore the effects of wind through creative expression. Using liquid watercolors and straws, they will create a windblown hair effect on a printable face template. This activity enhances fine motor skills, color exploration, and understanding of weather concepts.

Materials:

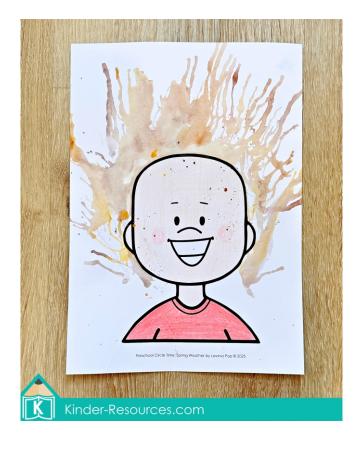
- Face template printed on cardstock
- Liquid watercolors (diluted as needed)
- Pipettes or droppers
- Drinking straws (cut in half for easier use)
- Protective table covering
- White cardstock (for extra durability if needed)

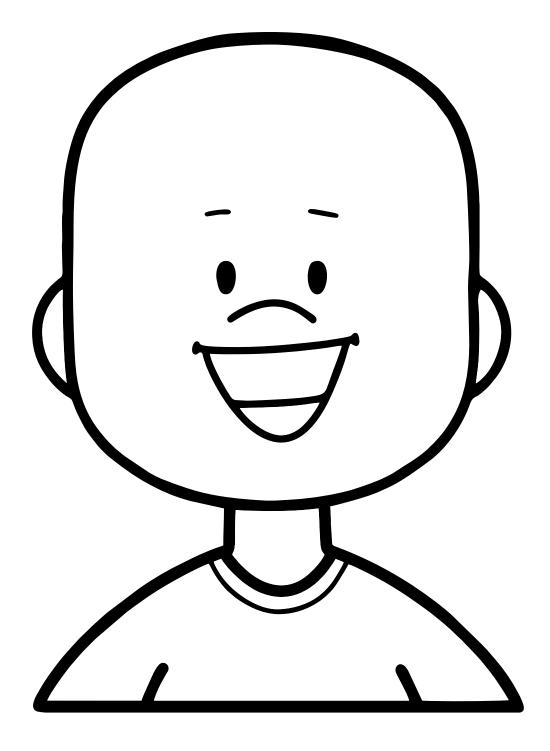
Instructions

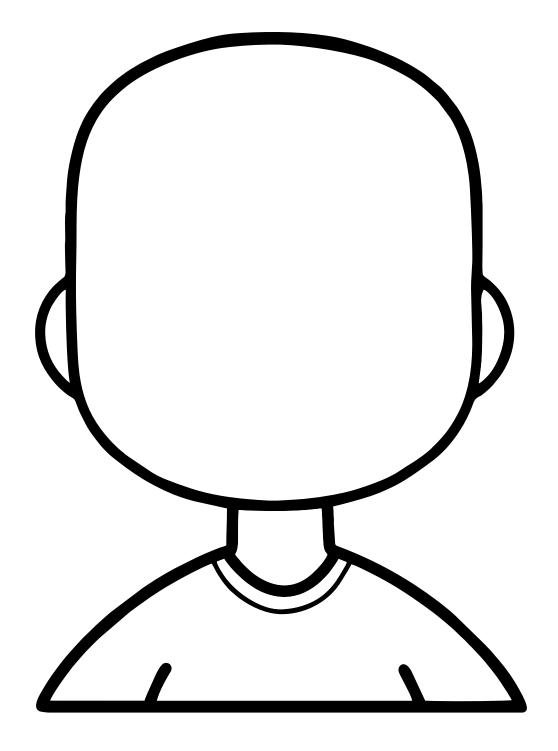
- **1. Prepare the template:** Print the face template onto cardstock to ensure durability. If desired, children can draw their own faces on cardstock for a personalized touch.
- **2. Apply the paint:** Using a pipette or dropper, place small drops of liquid watercolor at the top of the head on the template.
- **3. Create the wind effect:** Children will use a straw and blow gently towards the paint drops. The paint will spread in different directions, mimicking the effect of windblown hair. Repeat with different colors, allowing them to mix naturally for a fun effect.
- **4. Let it dry:** Once satisfied with their artwork, allow the painting to fully dry before displaying.

Extension Ideas:

- 1. Take children outside to observe how the wind moves leaves, hair, or scarves. Compare their artwork to real-life examples.
- 2. Have children try blowing through the straw in different ways—soft versus strong puffs—to see how it changes the paint spread.







Additional Resources



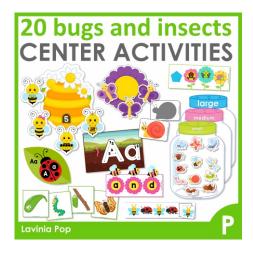
















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