

Different Seasons: Preschool-2nd Grade

A RIF Guide for Educators

Themes: Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall, Seasons, Weather

Book Brief: This guide is designed for use with books about the different seasons at the Preschool to 2nd Grade reading level. Adapt the questions and activities in this guide to the book you are reading.

Content Connections: ELA, STEM

Time To Read!

Before we read, let's look at...

The Cover: What is the title of this book? Who is the author? Who is the illustrator? What is happening in the cover illustration? Based on the cover, what season or seasons is this book about?

Prior Knowledge: Have students describe some characteristics of the different seasons.

Vocabulary: Identify 3-5 words that are likely to be new to your students and introduce them before you read this book with your class.

Purpose for Reading: It's important to get information from both the words and the illustrations in a book. As we read, think about how the illustrations help us learn about the different seasons.

While We Read

Monitoring Comprehension

- What season or seasons is this book about?
- Name some key facts and details you learned about each season in this book.
- What is the author's main purpose for writing? What does the author want to explain, answer, or describe?
- Practice using text features such as headings, tables of contents, indexes, or glossaries to find information.

Let's Think About

Our Purpose: What did you learn about the different seasons from the words? What did you learn from the illustrations?

Extending Our Thinking: Have students use art supplies available in the classroom to make "Four Seasons Trees." (The leafy part of the tree should be divided into four quadrants depicting the different seasons: bare branches for winter, flowers for spring, green leaves for summer, and multicolored leaves for fall). In each quadrant, have students write or dictate an activity they enjoy doing in that season. Then display your Four Seasons Trees and compare the different activities students enjoy.