

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
Outdoor activity: Go on a leaf hunt & make a collage	Field trip: Farm to look at different grains	Outdoor activity: Paint with leaves	Harvest lunch: Corn, potatoes, turnips & oatmeal cookies	Dramatic play: fly like geese. Fly high & low. Honk!
Safety Walk (Learn about school buses)	Outdoor activity: Leaf Rubbing	Field trip: Farmers Market	Read: <a href="#">Stone Soup</a> (outside, weather permitting). Make soup w/ fall veggies!	Garden clean-up day.
Fire Safety Talk – dramatic outdoor play = fire station!	Fall obstacle course (use leaves, sticks, logs, etc. to set up)	Outdoor Discussion: Changes in temperature & in the trees. Draw pictures of trees.	Song: I'm a Little Leaf	Dramatic play: run like deer, putting on a winter coat & hibernation
Science: Freezing & thawing	Dramatic Play: Farm	Read: <a href="#">Leaves! Leaves! Leaves!</a>	Make a hay bale play area	Make a <a href="#">Leaf Collection Book</a>
Science: Start a potato top in water, sugar water & soil.	Outdoor Music Parade!	Last fall picnic	Rake leaves & jump in piles	Worm Hunt!

## SEPTEMBER

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<b>Read:</b> <a href="#">The Busy Little Squirrel</a>	Play Secret Squirrel Stash	Go on an acorn hunt	Do graphing w/ acorn tops	Build a squirrels nest
Go on a color orange hike around center	Create a nature table	Make a fall obstacle course	<b>Read:</b> <a href="#">Leaf Man</a> & make craft	Field trip to the pumpkin patch
Plant a class tree	Rake leaves into piles & jump in them. Move leaves in wheelbarrows	<b>Little Explorers:</b> Logs!	<b>Move like:</b> A falling leaf, a tree in the wind, a squirrel on a branch...	<b>Music:</b> <a href="#">Ladybugs' Picnic</a>
Make bagel or pine cone bird feeders	Make binoculars & play Spot the Cardinal	<b>Fly like:</b> happy birds, sad birds, tied birds...	Go on a bird behavior hike!	Make bird watching journals & go observe
Fort building adventure!	Let's go rock hunting	<b>Read:</b> <a href="#">It's Fall</a> ; What do you like about fall?	Super spider day -- Web Hunt	Build a web

# OCTOBER

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
Read: <a href="#">Hibernation Station</a>	Hibernation Game (Hide & sleep!)	Discuss & make a picture book of animals that hibernate.	Hibernation play: Build a den, cave, etc.	Music: Bear is Sleeping
Pretend to be birds – fly south for the winter!	Collect leaves, twigs, acorn tops & make a mobile.	Map where birds & butterflies go for winter.	Music: <a href="#">Bird Migration</a> by David Burba	Discuss animals that change color for winter.
Science: Potatoes in a paper bag – chart changes over time.	Make potato prints	Read: <a href="#">Potato Joe</a>	Music: One Potato, Two Potato...	Play: Hot Potato (Have kids stand & jump in place 5 times if they get potato)
Music: <a href="#">I'm a Little Pumpkin</a>	Science: <a href="#">How do Seeds Grow?</a>	Math: Seed sorting	<a href="#">Make a Snack-o-Lantern</a>	Cooking: Pumpkin Bread
Read: <a href="#">The Secret Life of a Snowflake</a>	Fine motor: Make paper snowflakes	Snowflake Hunt (w/ magnifying glasses)	Music: <a href="#">I'm a Little Snowflake</a>	Catch snowflakes on frozen black construction paper

# NOVEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
Read: <a href="#">The Snowy Day</a>	Dramatic Play: Polar Explorers!	Tracking! Animals, people, birds...	Art: Snow Painting (spray bottles & brushes)	Make Snow Cones or Snow Taffy
Dance Party! Make up dances for two animals the kids pick.	Read: Nice Ice	Make Ice – build sculptures, towers, etc.	Make <a href="#">Reindeer Food</a>	Outdoor Play: Use snowshoes, skis, etc
Make Ice Crystals (have kids stand back!)	Music: Dance like snowflakes; Sing <a href="#">5 Little Snowmen</a>	Paint w/ ice cubes (colored water)	Science: Hot & Cold water – what freezes first?	Snow Play! Snow angels, snow people, forts, etc.
Read: <a href="#">Thomas' Snowsuit</a>	Dramatic play: Penguins! Slide on bellies on the snow! (Use cardboard)	Shovel snow – make holes & bury a friend or objects.	Science: Make a <a href="#">snow gauge</a> – chart snow.	Winter Safety Talk: (Mittens & hats, frostbite, etc.)
Go tobogganing!	Winter Olympics – make up fun events.	Build a toboggan (cardboard boxes)	Make a bagel bird feeder	Go bird watching!

## DECEMBER

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Read: <a href="#">Sadie &amp; The Snowman</a>	Bring snow inside for water table play!	Snack: Make your own snow cones	Play Follow the Leader in the snow!	Music: Frosty the Snowman
Rock Hunt – then freeze them in water (art)	Build a snow kitchen	Song: 5 Little Penguins	Make snow shoes out of tissue boxes – go hike!	Move like polar bears!
Make a food coloring trail in the snow – follow it!	Science: blow bubbles when it is freezing out. What happens?!	Make a <a href="#">Snow Fort</a>	<a href="#">Celebrate Snow!</a>	Read: <a href="#">I Have to Go!</a>
Read: <a href="#">Good Night, Owl!</a>	Make an <a href="#">Owl Mask</a>	Make up a story about owls using your masks to act out	Play: Owl Tag (1 owl, rest are mice)	<a href="#">Owl Songs</a> & Movement
Read: <a href="#">50 Below Zero</a>	Go on a Winter Treasure Hunt	Build snow people! Take pictures.	Make a Snow Family Tree! Talk about our families,	Play: Hot Potato w/ a snow ball.

# JANUARY

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
Read: <a href="#">Grumpy Bird</a> & fly like grumpy birds!	Play: <a href="#">Eat Like Birds</a>	Build Birds' Nests	Make a paper towel tube birdfeeder	Set up a feeder observation sheet
Make binoculars	Go for a Binocular Hike!	Make <a href="#">Pemmican</a> ; discuss survival in winter	Used sand toys for snow toys!	Move like birds: fly, perch, bathe, eat, hide...
Read <a href="#">Owl Moon</a>	<a href="#">Owl Pellets</a> (Science)	<a href="#">Owl Songs</a> & Movement	Build snow tunnels!	<a href="#">Decorate a tree for the birds!</a>
Read: <a href="#">The Red Mitten</a>	Music: <a href="#">The Mitten in the Snow</a>	Go cardboard box sledding!	Make snowballs – dye with food coloring & make sculptures.	Make a winter mural
Dance Party! Make up dances for two animals the kids pick.	Bring snow inside for water table play!	Make birdhouses out of milk cartons	Play Sport the Cardinal with your binoculars	Make a food coloring trail in the snow – follow it!

## FEBRUARY

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Read: <a href="#">Snowflake Bentley</a>	Make snowflake shapes with your body.	<a href="#">Snowflake matching &amp; puzzles</a>	Move like snow — up on tip toes, slowly falling. <i>How would a blizzard move?!</i>	<a href="#">Make a Snow Globe</a>
Science: Ice cube melting	Outdoor play: pretend ice fishing	Dramatic play: Ice fishing inside w/ boxes & poles	<a href="#">Read: Mud</a>	Go Puddle Jumping!
Matching game with paper mittens	Water table with minnows and scooper nets	Go for a Binocular Hike!	Make a Birds of Our Schoolyard Book	Build an inside fort for a reading den!
Go on a Tracking Hike	Talk about spring – what are the kids excited to do?!	Science: Force bulbs or branches in the classroom	Have a musical parade outside	Digging Day! Spoons & buckets.
Set up a mud kitchen outside	Read: <a href="#">Splish, Splash, Spring!</a>	Music: <a href="#">Build a Nest</a> song	Outdoor Play Day: <a href="#">Scarf Games</a>	Make a windsock

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Read: <a href="#">Kite Flying</a>	<a href="#">Make a kite</a>	Move like kites – fly high & low, slow & fast...	Color matching – paper kites	Make & decorate kite shaped sugar cookies
Read: Johnny Appleseed	Make apple prints	Dramatic play: Johnny Appleseed	Examine apple peels with magnifying glasses	Planting prep: pots, soli
Read: <a href="#">The Tiny Seed</a>	Movement: Act out the seed life cycle	Make a Flower Trail – do different movements	Do A-B Pattern w/ 2 different colored flowers & 2 movements	Make Flax or grass seed letter gardens in trays
Guest Speaker: Dietician – Healthy eating	Read: <a href="#">Who Likes Rain?</a>	Outdoor Play Day: <a href="#">Hula Hoop Games</a>	Science: <a href="#">Make a rain gauge</a>	Make a weather cycle chart
Signs of Spring Nature Walk	Field trip: Farmers market for apples	Sorting Apples – tasting different types. Taste test graphing.	Make Apple sauce or crisp	Outdoor play: Climb trees!

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Read <a href="#">Planting a Rainbow</a>	Plant some flowers inside	Fine Motor: Make paper flowers; create a garden on the wall	Go on a Flower Hunt! Count colors & number of petals	Turn over rocks & look for bugs
Make tents/forts	Have a picnic in your tent	Dramatic play: Camping	Story creation: When I go camping, I like to...	Sing camp songs & make s'mores
Mother's Day: Flower in Milk Jug planters	Read: Very Hungry Caterpillar	Move like caterpillars! How many kids can connect?	Collect Sticks & make fishing poles	Do graphing with Goldfish crackers
Read <a href="#">Waiting for Wings</a>	Make <a href="#">Tie Dyed Butterflies</a>	Recipe: <a href="#">Beautiful Butterflies</a>	Movement: Act out the Butterfly Lifecycle	Play: Butterfly Feeding (use straws & suck up cotton balls, etc.)
Read <a href="#">Sunflower House</a>	<a href="#">Super Sunflowers!</a>	Make <a href="#">Sunflower Masks</a>	Music: <a href="#">I'm a Little Sunflower</a>	Transplant your flowers outside. Place rocks.

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<a href="#">Plant a Butterfly Garden</a>	Barefoot story time in the grass	Explore a rotting log (with magnifying glasses)	<a href="#">Plant a bean teepee</a>	Dandelion Painting
Baby doll bath outside	Make a mud pit area!	Go for a Binocular Hike!	Pick up garbage & recycle	Beach Party in the Sandbox!
Outdoor Play Day: <a href="#">Wheeled Toy Rodeo</a>	Wheeled Toy Carwash	Pond Tag: Kids “swim” around playspace; safety zone = hula hoops	Field trip: Nature Center	Sidewalk Chalk Mural (paint over w/ water!)
Read <a href="#">Tops &amp; Bottoms</a>	Make a Rock Garden	Set up Hula Hoop “Garden Plots” – explore w/ magnifying glasses	Play <a href="#">Swat the Fly</a>	Make a cardboard box village or other creations!
Read: <a href="#">Yucky Worms</a>	<a href="#">Make a Worm Bin</a>	<a href="#">Fishing Fun activities</a>	Make <a href="#">Worm Cookies</a>	Song: <a href="#">Wiggle Worm</a>

## JUNE

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
Canada Day Parade (outside)	Science: Hunt for worms & measure with string	Worm Sorting (w/ rubber fishing worms)	Art: Worm Prints (with string & paint)	Science: <a href="#">Make a Worm Farm</a>
<a href="#">Vegetable Feely Bag</a>	Full Body Poem: <a href="#">5 Little Peas</a>	Science: Grow carrot tops or potatoes	Field trip: Farmers Market	Dramatic Play: Farmers Market
Go on a color GREEN hike – count all the green items!	Barefoot story time in the grass	Make worms! Playdough w/ brown paint powder.	<a href="#">Ladybug Snack</a>	Go on a Treasure Hunt!
Go on an insect hunt. Use bug boxes, etc.	Art: Nature Rubbings	Go on a stick hunt. Measure & make stick patterns	Build a tent & set up a picnic!	Play the <a href="#">Cloud Game</a>
Read <a href="#">The Gardener</a>	<a href="#">Make Dandelion Crowns</a>	Make a <a href="#">Toad Abode</a>	Sprinkler Dance Party – bring music outside!	Go on a <a href="#">Belly Hike</a>

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Read: <a href="#">All the Colors of the Rainbow</a>	Go on a Rainbow Hike! Count the colors you find	Make a <a href="#">Rainbow Mobile</a>	Science: <a href="#">Catch a Rainbow</a>	Blow (and chase bubbles) – look for rainbows in bubbles
Read: <a href="#">A Frog in the Bog</a> – move like frogs!	Play: <a href="#">Leaping Lily Pads</a>	Science: <a href="#">Frog Life Cycle</a>	<a href="#">Make Frog Puppets</a> & make up stories	Outdoor Play Day: <a href="#">Beach Ball Games</a>
Read <a href="#">Fairy Houses</a>	Make Fairy Houses outdoors	<a href="#">Make Potions</a>	Paint with mud &/water	Outdoor Play Day: <a href="#">Pool Noodle Games</a>
Science: <a href="#">Make a Sponge Garden</a>	Snack: Ants on a Log	Go on a Rock Hunt!	Paint rocks to use as garden art	Outdoor Play Day: <a href="#">Movement Madness</a>
Field Trip: Park Day – nap & eat at the park, too! Make tin foil s'mores for snack.	Sun Art: Leave objects out on black paper for a few days (fading)	Outdoor Play Day: <a href="#">Movement Madness</a>	Outdoor Play Day: Water Olympics!	<a href="#">Make a Birdbath</a> for your center

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