

## BC SRC 2017: Walk on the Wild Side!

### Preschool Program Theme 3: Spot Nature's Magic

Prepared by: Linda Lines, Miranda Mallinson, Vancouver Public Library

#### BOOKS



#### Seasons

- ***When Spring Comes*** by Kevin Henkes
- ***Tree: A Peek Through Picture Book*** by Britta Teckentrup
- ***The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree*** by Gail Gibbons
- ***First Snow*** by Peter McCarty
- ***Frog and Toad are Friends*** by Arnold Lobel
- ***The Old Bear*** by Kevin Henkes
- ***All Around the Seasons*** by Barney Saltzberg
- ***Time to Sleep*** by Denise Flemming
- ***Hooray for Spring*** by Kazuo Iwamura
- ***Hooray for Summer*** by Kazuo Iwamura
- ***Hooray for Fall*** by Kazuo Iwamura

#### Camouflage

- ***Now You See Them Now You Don't: Poems about Creatures that Hide*** by David Harrison
- ***Blue Chameleon*** by Emily Gravett
- ***A Color of His Own*** by Leo Lionni
- ***The Mixed-up Chameleon*** by Eric Carle
- ***Mister Seahorse*** by Eric Carle
- ***Stripes of All Types*** by Susan Stockdale

#### Metamorphoses

- ***First the Egg*** by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
- ***The Very Hungry Caterpillar*** by Eric Carle
- ***Growing Frogs*** by Vivian French
- ***Explore my world: Frogs*** by Marfe Ferguson Delano

## SONGS AND RHYMES

### **Dance like Snowflakes** (Tune: "Frere Jacques")

Dance like snowflakes  
Dance like snowflakes  
In the air  
In the air  
Whirling, twirling, snowflakes  
Whirling, twirling, snowflakes  
Here and there  
Here and there.

### **I Love Snow** (Tune: "Three Blind mice")

I love snow, I love snow.  
Soft, white snow; Soft, white snow.  
It falls on the ground so soft and white.  
Sometimes it falls all through the night.  
Did you ever see such a beautiful sight  
As soft white snow?

### **The Wintery Wind** (Tune: "Happy Birthday")

The winter wind blows.  
The winter wind blows.  
It gives me the shivers  
From my head to my toes!

### **Spring Is Here** (Tune: Frere Jacques )

I see robins,  
I see bird's nests,  
Butterflies too,  
flowers too.  
Everything is growing,  
The wind is gently blowing.  
Spring is here, spring is here.

### **Rain on the Grass**

Rain on the green grass,  
Rain on the tree,  
Rain on the house top.  
But not on me.

### **I Plant A Seed** (Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I plant a little seed in the cold, cold ground.  
Out comes the yellow sun, big and round.  
Down come the raindrops soft and slow  
Up comes the flower grow, grow, grow!

**Spring Song** (Tune: "London Bridge")

Leaves are growing on the trees, on the trees, on the trees

Leaves are growing on the trees. It is springtime.

Other verses: All the grass is turning green

See the birdies build their nest

Watch the flowers start to grow

**Hot Summer** (Tune: "Farmer in the Dell")

In the summer it is hot

In the summer it is hot

Oh, when it's hot,

I (activity) a lot

In the summer when it's hot.

(Let each child name his/her favorite summertime activity to sing in the song)

**The Butterfly Song** (Tune: "Up on the Housetop")

First comes a butterfly and lays an egg,

Out comes a caterpillar with many legs,

Oh see the caterpillar spin and spin,

A little chrysalis to sleep in.

Oh, oh, oh, wait and see

Oh, oh, oh, wait and see

Out of the chrysalis, me oh my

Out comes a pretty butterfly.

**The Fuzzy Caterpillar** (Tune: "The Eensy Weensy Spider")

The fuzzy caterpillar

Curled upon a leaf,

Spun her little chrysalis

And then fell asleep.

While she was sleeping,

She dreamed that she could fly,

And later when she woke up

She was a butterfly!

**Fly Fly Butterfly** (Tune: "Skip to My Lou")

Fly fly butterfly,

Fly fly butterfly,

Fly fly butterfly,

Fly up in the sky so high.

**The Leaves Are Falling Down** (Tune: "London Bridges Falling Down")

All the leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down (Imitate leaves falling down)

All the leaves are falling down, red, yellow, orange, and brown.

Take the rake and rake them up, rake them up, rake them up (Imitate raking leaves)

Take the rake and rake them up, red, yellow, orange, and brown.

Make a pile and jump right in, jump right in, jump right in, (Children jump forward)

Make a pile and jump right in, red, yellow, orange, and brown.

## FELT STORIES

### **Five Little Owls in an Old Elm Tree**

Five little owls in an old elm tree  
Fluffy and puffy as they could be  
Winking and blinking with big round eyes  
At the big round moon that hung in the sky  
I heard one say as I passed that way,  
There'll be mouse for supper there will today,  
Then all of them hooted to-wit to-woo  
Mouse for supper, "who cooks for you?"



### **Five Little Snowman**

5 little Snowman standing in a row,  
Each had a hat and a big red bow.  
Out came the sun and it shone all day,  
1 Little snowman melted away.  
4 Little Snowman standing in a row,  
Each had a hat and a big red bow.  
Out Came the sun and it shone all day,  
1 Little snowman melted away.  
Etc....



### **Five Green and Speckled Frogs**

Five green and speckled frogs  
Sat on a speckled log  
Eating the most delicious bugs  
Yum Yum  
One jumped into the pool  
Where it was nice and cool  
Now there are four green speckled frogs  
Glub Glub  
(repeat until last frog jumps in the pool)  
Now there are no green speckled frogs.  
Glub Glub.



### **Additional Felt Stories:**

#### **Gervase Phinn's Who Am I?**

(<http://the-wielded-pen-childrens-corner.blogspot.ca/2012/10/who-am-i-chameleon-fun-flannel-friday.html>)

#### **Kevin Henkes's The Old Bear**

(<http://the-wielded-pen-childrens-corner.blogspot.ca/2013/03/old-bears-seasons-flannel-friday.html>)

## PUPPETS

### **Five Little Squirrels**

Five little squirrels with acorns to store.  
One went to sleep and then there were four!  
Four little squirrels hunting acorns in a tree.  
One fell down, and now there are three!  
Three little squirrels wondering what to do.  
One got lost, and now there are two!  
Two little squirrels tossing acorns for fun.  
One got tired, and now there is one!  
One little squirrel playing in the sun.  
He ran away, now there are none.



### **Stick Puppet: Frisky Squirrel** (Tune: "The Grand Old Duke of York")

Oh, the frisky little squirrel  
He gathers nuts and seeds.  
He hides them for the winter months  
So he'll have all he needs.  
Refrain:  
Oh, up-up-up he goes  
And down-down-down he comes.  
He runs around - goes up and down.  
His work is never done. (repeat refrain)

### **Glove Puppet: Five Little Ducks**

Five little ducks went swimming one day  
Over the hills and far away  
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack  
But only four little ducks came swimming back.  
(repeat counting down until, "no little ducks came swimming back."  
Then have Mother duck said, **Quack, quack, quack, quack,**  
And five little ducks came swimming back.  
Quack, quack, quack, quack



**"Spring"** from *Frog and Toad are Friends* by Arnold Lobel makes a great puppet show  
*Farmer Joe's Hot Day* by Nancy Wilcox Richards is successful as dramatic play.

## CRAFTS/ACTIVITIES

### **Metamorphosis - Butterfly**

Supplies: crayons or felt pens, paper baking cups, pipe cleaners  
Flatten paper baking cups

Have children decorate with crayons or felt tip markers

Make butterfly shape by pinching the middle together and twisting with a pipe cleaner

[http://www.firstpalette.com/Craft\\_themes/Animals/cupcakelinerbutterflies/cupcakelinerbutterflies.html](http://www.firstpalette.com/Craft_themes/Animals/cupcakelinerbutterflies/cupcakelinerbutterflies.html)

### Changing Seasons - Tree in all Seasons

Supplies, glue, tissue paper in white, pink, green, orange/brown, one legal size paper with 4 tree images for each child.

After reading *Tree* by Britta Teckentrup or *Leaves* by David Ezra Stein or a similar book, have children glue “flowers” “green leaves” “orange leaves” and either leave bare tree for winter or glue white “snow” on tree.

<http://www.kiwicrate.com/projects/Four-Seasons-Tree-Pictures/1046>

### Animal Camouflage

Print some of these pictures, post on the wall or have on tables. Ask the preschoolers to find the animal in each photograph.

<http://twentytwowords.com/can-you-find-the-hidden-animals-in-these-20-wildlife-photos/>

### Very Hungry Caterpillar

Supplies, coloured paper – red, yellow, brown; scissors, glue, markers, paper cutter if available (to cut up strips)

From <http://www.sheknows.com/parenting/articles/993619/childrens-books-crafts-for-kids#>

Cut six strips from the green construction paper that are 1 inch wide and 5 ½ inches long.

Glue the end of the strips together to form a ring.

Glue the green rings together to make a chain.

Cut two small ovals out of yellow construction paper, and two slightly smaller ovals out of green construction paper. Glue the green ovals on top of the yellow ovals to make the eyes, then glue the eyes to the caterpillar's face.

Cut two skinny, short strips from the brown paper. Glue them to the top of the caterpillar's face to make the antennae.

Draw a nose on the caterpillar's face with a marker.

*Please note –on the website she suggests strips 6” long, but if you cut the paper in half lengthways, you get 5 ½ long, and these do fine!*

### Chameleon Craft

This chameleon gluing craft can be found at

<http://www.creativitytakesflight.com/c-is-for-caterpillar-and-chameleon/>

- Use the printable template on the following page.





