



**Theme: Spring Has Sprung!** It's hard to believe that the season of Spring is officially here. We hope you enjoy the activity ideas and weblinks below.

Spring Vocabulary Video:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEb1GsqxhZc>

The Things That Happen When Spring Is Here Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEb1GsqxhZc&app=desktop>

Spring Is Here Song with Real Animals Video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qhv29\\_M-P5Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qhv29_M-P5Q)

Spring Nature Walk Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f84OF62W-jw>

### **Rainbow Color Connections**

Draw a rainbow on paper. Draw curved lines in a variety of colors (draw it on a large piece of paper preferably with marker so the lines are thick and easily visible). If using crayon go over each line a few times. Ask your child to find red items and place them over the red arch line. Next move to orange then yellow, green, blue, purple and pink. You can also count the items- which color has the most objects/least?

This is a fun way for children to practice color recognition and one to one correspondence. You can even give your children materials to glue on the rainbow arches too!

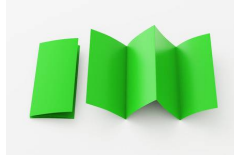


### **Ice Play-From Winter to Spring**

Do you have any small toys or objects you could freeze? Freeze some objects in an ice tray or small plastic cup overnight. The next day, take out the frozen objects in a bin and let them touch them and explore them. Can they pull anything off or is everything stuck? Next give them a small plastic cup of cold water to pour over the ice - what happens? When you switch to warm water what happens then? Let them experiment with ways to melt the ice. Finally count the objects with them that have now been melted from the ice. Sort from large to small, or by color. With older children you can discuss what it means for things to freeze and thaw in relation to going from Winter to Spring.

Stop by here for additional sensory activities:

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/kids-sensory-play-ideas/>



### Scavenger Hunt: Counting Caterpillars

Fold strips of green paper accordion style. Depending on how many children you have you might want to adjust the number of caterpillars. Hide between 6-8 caterpillars around a room or in the yard (weather permitting). Ask your child to find and collect them. You can hide them and play again. Think about introducing a new element each time, maybe one that is a different color or one with polka dots that they have to find as well.

### This week's recycling spotlight:



You may see a paper towel roll but we see a **musical rain stick**. Tape over one end of the paper towel roll with duct tape or painters tape. Next, decorate the outside of the cardboard using any art materials of your choosing. Then, pour some rice or small loose objects such as Legos or buttons inside and tape off that end to enclose the objects fully. Use it to make music and create the sounds of rain!

Be sure to look at the website links below each week to help give you inspiration for home literacy, art, math, science, sensory activities and more to enjoy with your children.



**Online resources** to draw inspiration from as well.

[Teachingmama.org](https://www.teachingmama.org) [Zerotothree.org](https://www.zerotothree.org) (Week I)  
[Funlearningforkids.com](https://www.funlearningforkids.com) [Artfulparent.com](https://www.artfulparent.com) (Week II)

We hope this information finds you well!

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