Dear YWCA 2B Families,

"Good Morning Friends, Good Morning Friends, How are you ? How are you ?"

Our theme for the week is "Spring". Spring has sprung and we're excited about it. It brings with it a very unpredictable weather. We might need our snow boots one day and need our rainboots or our flip flops the next. It's a good time to look out the window and talk about the weather and make predictions about the next day's weather.

Some vocabulary words like party cloudy (sunny), puddle, umbrella, seeds, buds and sprouts can be used with our little friends during conversations.

Here are some links to online Books & Videos on Spring:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=i+see+spring

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17JQ5x_PAjo

As for science and sensory:

- 1) Children can go on a nature hunt. They can collect some flowers or leaves or twigs from the backyard and make their own little sensory bags by putting them in a ziplock bag and taping it to the window.
- 2) Planting is a fun activity that can be explored with the children. Children can plant two different kinds of beans (using damp cotton/paper towel) or grass seeds (plant in dirt) in a cup and watch them grow.

As for creativity, :

- 1) Children can use some of the flowers or leaves collected on their nature hunt to paint. They can dip the flowers/leaves in paint and make some flower/leaf prints.
- 2) Rip yellow paper and glue it on a paper plate to make a sun.

Children can work on their fine motor skills by trying to put in some real or fake flowers through the holes of an upside-down colander. This activity also helps in strengthening hand-eye co-ordination. They can also count how many flowers they have used.

Spring sing-along: "Spring is Here"- to the tune of "Are you Sleeping"

" Spring is here (2) Good-bye snow Flowers grow. Birds and bees Leaves on trees. Hello Spring (2)."

It was nice talking to some of you last week and know that you are doing well. We miss seeing everyone and found out that the children miss school and seeing their friends too. Based on a few suggestions, we have decided to have a virtual morning meeting every Friday at 10:00 am via Zoom. We will send

out an invite to the morning meeting on your emails and whoever is interested can join in. This being a new experience for all of us, we would appreciate your co-operation and participation.

Hope the activity suggestions are of help. Please feel free to reach out to us with any concerns or suggestions at <u>k.jhaveri@ywcagreenwich.org</u> and n.roy@ywcagreenwich.org.

Best,

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