



Home/Garden Connection

A Post-Visit Lesson to *A Seasonal Snapshot*

Dear Parents,

Your child visited the Missouri Botanical Garden today and participated in a garden class called, “A Seasonal Snapshot.” During their field trip, your child:

- Identified and sorted different items and activities that we typically see and do during each of the four seasons.
- Planted sensitive plant seeds to take care of at home.
- Observed and described today’s weather, including precipitation, wind, cloud cover, and temperature.
- Described the general weather conditions that occur during each of the four seasons.
- Described how the seasons affect our everyday lives.
- Played a “Seasons” game in which they had to match the item or activity with the correct season.

Family Game: “Season Sizzler”

In order to play this game, all you need is some paper, a pen or a pencil, and a clock.

1. Distribute a piece of paper and a writing instrument to each player.
2. Select one of the four seasons to use for the first round of the game.
3. Once the season has been selected, each player has five minutes to write down or to draw as many items or activities that they see or do during that particular season.
4. After time is up, each player reads their list and totals up how many items they wrote down.
5. The second round of the game will continue in the same way but will use a different season.
6. Once all four rounds have been played, the players will add up their scores. The person with the highest score is named the “Season Sizzler” champion.

Game Challenge: Play the game in the same way as listed above. However, select a season and a specific letter in the alphabet. Players are only allowed to write down items or activities for the selected season that only begin with the pre-determined letter.

Art: “A Picture for All Seasons”

Take a walk around your neighborhood with your family. As you enjoy your seasonal stroll, look around for natural items that have fallen to the ground to collect (ex: leaves, twigs, acorns, petals, etc.)

NOTE: Please do not pick any items from other people’s yards. Remember to only collect items that have fallen to the ground.

Once you have finished your walk, use the items that you have collected to create a work of art. Gather up some basic art supplies such as paper, glue, and markers or crayons. With the help of your family, use the natural items you collected and your art supplies to create a beautiful seasonal collage together. If you continue to do this for each season, you will have a picture for all seasons to proudly display in your home!



Music: "Seasons of the Year"

Have a lot of fun with your family by acting out this song about the four seasons. Using the lyrics as a guide, allow time for each member of your family to make up different actions to do while you sing the different verses of the seasons song together.

Music Challenge: Try to make up your own new song verses to describe the four seasons.

Seasons of the Year Song by Meish Goldish
(to the tune of "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush")

CHORUS:

Here we go round the year again,
The year again, the year again.
Here we go round the year again,
To greet the different seasons.

Wintertime is time for snow.
To the south, the birds will go.
It's too cold for plants to grow
Because it is the winter.

CHORUS

In the springtime, days grow warm.
On the plants, the new buds form.
Bees and bugs come out to swarm
Because it is the spring.

CHORUS

In summertime, the days are hot.
Ice cold drinks I drink a lot!
At the beach, I've got a spot
Because it is the summer.

CHORUS

Fall is here, the air is cool.
Days are short, it's back to school.
Raking leaves is now the rule
Because it is autumn.

CHORUS