

# SPAACES Instructional Units

## LET'S LEARN ABOUT THE OCEAN!

- **LEARN ABOUT ACTIVITIES**
  - Listen to songs about the ocean
  - Watch videos about the ocean
  - Play Learning Games about the ocean
  - Make a Collage or Photo Album about the ocean
  - Create an aquarium
  - Field trip to beach or aquarium
  
- **CAUSE-EFFECT, PRE-LINGUISTIC ACTIVITIES (STAGES 1-2)**
  - Read About
    - Blow bubbles in a cup of water using a straw
    - Advance photos in a slide show about the ocean
    - Play a song about the ocean, using a latch timer
    - Watch a video about the ocean using a latch timer
  - Write About
    - Answer questions about the ocean by pointing or looking at objects or symbols
    - Answer questions about the ocean by selecting an object or symbol using partner assisted scanning
  - Talk About
    - Share a personal photo about the ocean
    - Play a personal video about the ocean
    - Advance slides to tell a personal story about the ocean
    - Make Choices from an ocean Topic Board
    - Share facts about the ocean using a Voice Output Device
  
- **EARLY COMMUNICATOR ACTIVITIES (STAGE 3)**
  - Read About:
    - Listen to song about the ocean
    - Listen to/watch a story about the ocean
    - Touch photos/pictures related to the ocean on an iPad/tablet to hear their names
    - Watch a sequence of events related to a Spring activity
  - Write About:
    - Point to ocean photos/pictures when named
    - Point to ocean photos/pictures in response to simple “wh” questions
    - Label a picture with the different things you see in the ocean or label the body parts of a fish
  - Talk About
    - Answer questions and make comments about the ocean using a topic-based communication board

- Share personal photos of the ocean and label people, objects in the photo
  - Name photos/pictures of items related to the ocean using a Speech Generating Device with topic board
- **EARLY CONCEPTUAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES (STAGE 4)**
    - Read About:
      - Sort fish, ocean plants, etc. by color/size
      - Play a Memory Game with ocean photo/picture cards
      - Play a Bingo/Lotto Game with ocean photo/picture cards
    - Write About
      - Find photos/pictures related to the ocean in a book or magazine
      - Sequence photos/pictures to tell a story about the ocean
      - Identify a number and match with the appropriate number of ocean objects (i.e., fish, boats, plants)
      - Create patterns with ocean related objects
      - iPad/Computer Activities
      - Puzzles with ocean theme photos/pictures
      - Ocean related counting activities
      - Matching /Sorting ocean related photos/pictures
    - Talk About
      - Make ocean related art projects and discuss the different parts
      - Discuss a time you went to the ocean
- **ADVANCED CONCEPT AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES (STAGE 5)**
    - Read About
      - Look at a story picture book about the ocean
      - Match written words to pictures or photos of the ocean
      - Match rhyming words about the ocean
    - Write About
      - Build an Idea Map using pictures/photos combined with text
      - Create a story about the ocean using pictures or photos
      - Sequence pictures with text to create simple sentences about the ocean
    - Talk About
      - Describe what the weather is like at the ocean
      - Talk about the activities you can do at the ocean
      - Describe what the ocean looks like
- **LITERACY BUILDING ACTIVITIES (STAGES 6-7)**
    - Read About
      - Match sentences about the ocean to photos/pictures
      - Determine cause-effect relationships using pictures and text, or text only
      - Listen to/watch a sequence of events related to the ocean
      - Listen to/read vocabulary maps with ocean related pictures/words
    - Write About

- Sequence letters to spell ocean words
- Alphabetize ocean words
- Identify ocean rhyming words
- Recognize ocean words by sight
- iPad/Computer Activities:
  - Answer multiple choice questions related to ocean story
  - Sequence words to create sentences about the ocean
  - Sequence pictures/photos with text to write a short story about the ocean
- Talk About
  - Give a short oral presentation about the ocean verbally or with a communication device
  - Participate in a discussion about the ocean with peers
- **LEARNING GRIDS OCEAN ACTIVITIES (FOR CLICKER 7 AND CLICKER APPS)**
  - Fish Sentences
  - Animal Adaptations
  - Animal Habitats
  - Biomes
  - My Day at the Beach
  - A Day at the Beach
  - Beaches
  - At the Beach
  - Beach Postcard
  - Beach Counting
- **CLICKER COMMUNICATOR ACTIVITIES (PREMADE COMMUNICATION PAGES FOR AAC APP)**
  - About Plants
  - Animal Adaptions - Fish
  - Animals or Plants
- **READ IT ONCE AGAIN (LITERATURE BASED CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES)**
  - A House for a Hermit Crab
- **TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS**
  - Ocean Animals Movement Cards
  - Ocean Creatures Clip Art Bundle
  - Ocean Theme Job Chart
  - Wh Questions Ocean Reader: Diver Diver Who Can It Be?
  - Who Lives in the Ocean? (An Interactive Build-A-Word Book)
  - Ocean Animals – A Science Unit
  - Ocean Commotion (Creative Clips Digital Clipart)
  - Ocean Animals, Scuba, and Mermaid Kids (Creative Clips Digital Clipart)
  - Ocean Animal Crafts

## **IPAD APPS**

- Oceano - MagisterApp
- Ocean – MarcoPolo Learning, Inc.
- Dot to Dot – Michael Contento
- Toddler Fish – Antti Lehtinen
- Toddler Games – Antti Lehtinen
- Ocean – Connect the Dots and Add Colors – Free – Kedronic UAB
- Fish Matching Game – Kawinnart Buarapa
- Sea Oceananimalskigsaw – Kampai Chairuk
- Ocean Wave Sounds for Sleep – Ultabit, LLC
- Color by Numbers - Animals – Kedronic UAB

## **OCEAN HOMEWORK IDEAS**

- Go to the beach
- Talk about what you see, feel, smell
- Find photos of things you might see at the ocean and see how many you can find
- Check out library books about the ocean
- Build an ocean using a water bottle
- Visit a pet store and look at the different fish
- Trip to the aquarium

## **LET'S LEARN ABOUT SPRING!**

- **LEARN ABOUT ACTIVITIES**
  - Go on a Nature Walk and look for signs of Spring
  - Birds chirping
  - Birds building nests
  - Flowers blooming
  - Frogs croaking
  - Bees buzzing
  - Insects flying/crawling
  - Listen to songs about Spring
  - Watch videos about Spring
  - Play Learning Games about Spring
  - Make a Collage or Photo Album about Spring
- **CAUSE-EFFECT, PRE-LINGUISTIC ACTIVITIES (STAGES 1-2)**
  - Read About
    - Activate a fan to simulate “wind”
    - Advance photos in a slide show about spring
    - Play a song about spring, using a latch timer
    - Watch a video about spring using a latch timer

- Write About
  - Answer questions about Spring by pointing or looking at objects or symbols
  - Answer questions about Spring by selecting an object or symbol using partner assisted scanning
- Talk About
  - Share a personal photo about Spring
  - Play a personal video about Spring
  - Advance slides to tell a personal story about Spring
  - Make Choices from a Spring Topic Board
  - Share facts about Spring using a Voice Output Device
- **EARLY COMMUNICATOR ACTIVITIES (STAGE 3)**
  - Read About:
    - Listen to song about Spring
    - Listen to/watch a story about Spring
    - Touch photos/pictures related to Spring on an iPad/tablet to hear their names
    - Watch a sequence of events related to a Spring activity
  - Write About:
    - Point to Spring photos/pictures when named
    - Point to Spring photos/pictures in response to simple “wh” questions
    - Match items found on walk to Spring theme photo board
  - Talk About:
    - Answer questions and make comments about Spring using a topic-based communication board
    - Share personal photos of Spring and label people, objects in the photo
    - Name photos/pictures of items related to Spring using a Speech Generating Device with topic board
- **EARLY CONCEPTUAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES (STAGE 4)**
  - Read About:
    - Sort flowers by color/size
    - Play a Memory Game with Spring photo/picture cards
    - Play a Bingo/Lotto Game with Spring photo/picture cards
  - Write About
    - Find photos/pictures related to Spring in a book or magazine
    - Sequence photos/pictures to tell a story about Spring
    - Identify a number and match with the appropriate number of Spring objects (i.e., eggs, bugs, flowers )
    - Create patterns with Spring related objects
    - iPad/Computer Activities
    - Puzzles with Spring theme photos/pictures
    - Spring related counting activities
    - Matching /Sorting Spring related photos/pictures
  - Talk About

- Engage in make-believe play with peers using animal puppets related to Spring
  - Share about items found on nature walk
- **ADVANCED CONCEPT AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES (STAGE 5)**
    - Read About
      - Look at a story picture book about Spring
      - Match written words to pictures or photos of Spring
      - Match rhyming words about Spring
      - Determine cause-effect relationships about using photos/pictures
    - Write About
      - Build an Idea Map using pictures/photos combined with text
      - Create a story about Spring using pictures or photos
      - Sequence pictures with text to create simple sentences about Spring.
    - Talk About
      - Describe what the weather is like in Spring
      - Talk about the holidays celebrated in Spring
      - Describe what a leprechaun looks like
      - Discuss favorite traditions and foods for Easter, Passover, Cinco de Mayo
- **LITERACY BUILDING ACTIVITIES (STAGES 6-7)**
    - Read About
      - Match sentences about Spring to photos/pictures
      - Determine cause-effect relationships using pictures and text, or text only
      - Listen to/watch a sequence of events related to Spring
      - Listen to/read vocabulary maps with Spring related pictures/words
    - Write About
      - Sequence letters to spell Spring words
      - Alphabetize Spring words
      - Identify Spring rhyming words
      - Recognize Spring words by sight
      - iPad/Computer Activities:
        - Answer multiple choice questions related to Spring story
        - Sequence words to create sentences about Spring
        - Sequence pictures/photos with text to write a short story about Spring.
    - Talk About
      - Give a short oral presentation about Spring verbally or with a communication device
      - Participate in a discussion about Spring with peers
      - Describe the sequence of events related to a specific Spring activity (i.e., nest building, eggs hatching, planting a seed)
- **LEARNING GRIDS SPRING ACTIVITIES (FOR CLICKER 6, 7 AND CLICKER APPS)**
    - About Plants
    - All About Spring

- Parts of a Plant
- Describe the Weather
- Life Cycle of a Butterfly
- Planting a Seed
- Seasons of an Apple Tree
- Talk About Spring
- Spring Haiku
  
- **CLICKER COMMUNICATOR ACTIVITIES (PREMADE COMMUNICATION PAGES FOR AAC APP)**
  - About Plants
  - Animal Adaptions-Frog
  - Animal Adaptions - Squirrel
  - Animals or Plants
  - Bird or Insect
  - Birds
  - Life Cycle of a Butterfly
  - Seasons and Weather
  
- **READ IT ONCE AGAIN (LITERATURE BASED CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES)**
  - Jamberry
  - Jump Frog Jump
  - Over in the Meadow
  - One Duck Stuck
  - The Big Red Barn
  - The Little Red Hen
  - The Tale of Peter Rabbit
  - The Very Busy Spider
  - The Very Hungry Caterpillar
  
- **TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS**
  - Spring Word Wall Words (FREE) - Pocketful of Centers
  - FREE Spring Math Dice Games - Love to Teach Primary
  - Sight Words Morning Work All Year Bundle - Spring, Summer & Winter Activities - Pink Cat Studio
  - Spring Has Sprung- 10 Literacy Centers - Amy Lemons
  - Spring Activities: Science, Math, & Literacy - Cara Carroll
  - Spring Circle Time Unit - Play to Learn Preschool
  - Easter Activities - Spring Marshmallow Science - Simply Kinder
  - Spring: Spring Bundle - Krystin McGahan
  - Life Cycles\* (Life Cycle Sequencing Card Craft Bundle - Spring Life Cycles) - Robin Sellers
  - Spring Interactive Books - Speech Universe
  
- **IPAD APPS**
  - Berry and Dolly –Four Seasons Books (student advances pages to tell story. coloring

activity included – ONCE Digital Arts

- Color by Numbers- Flowers (number and color recognition, basic addition and subtraction) – Kedronic UAB

- Easter Adventure -Jochen Heizmann

- Five Little Ducks (number concepts 1-5)– Inclusive Technology

- Five Speckled Frogs (number concepts 1-5) – Inclusive Technology

- Montessori Flowers and Seasons – Pratic Machchar

- Season Puzzles (9 piece seasonal puzzles) – Scott Adelman Apps

- Spring Art Painting Maker

- StoryBots (create your own Spring-Themed videos) – JibJab Media Inc.

- Weather Puzzles (9 piece weather puzzles) – Scott Adelman Apps

- **SPRING HOMEWORK IDEAS**

- Look at the moon each night with your child, beginning on March 1 or March 31, 2018 (full moon nights). Do this each night for a month until the moon is full again.

- Talk about what the moon looks like (shape, color size, bright, cloudy).

- Describe how it changes each evening.

- Take pictures to create a visual sequence of the changes.

Plant an assortment of flowers in a large plastic container to create a “color bowl”

- Place in a sunny spot and have your child water daily.

- Check regularly and watch as seeds sprout and grow.

- Talk about the changes that are occurring.

- Take photos to create a visual sequence and to use later for creating a story about how flowers grow.

- Compare the flowers when they bloom (color, shape, smell, feel).

- Go bird watching in your backyard or neighborhood

- Talk about what each bird looks like

- Listen to the different kinds of sounds each bird makes

- Find photos of birds native to your area and go on a bird hunt to see how many you can find

## **LET’S LEARN ABOUT AUTUMN/FALL!**

- **LEARN ABOUT ACTIVITIES**

- Go on a Nature Walk and look for signs of Fall

- Collect leaves, acorns, etc.

- Make a Collage or Photo Album about Fall

- Talk about the weather – cool, sunny windy, cloudy

- Talk about the different colors you see

- Feel, touch, smell flowers, leaves, plants

- **CAUSE-EFFECT, PRE-LINGUISTIC ACTIVITIES (STAGES 1-2)**
  - Read About
    - Activate a fan to simulate “wind”
    - Advance photos in a slide show about Fall
    - Play a song about Fall, using a latch timer
    - Watch a video about Fall using a latch timer
  - Write About
    - Answer questions about Fall by pointing or looking at objects or symbols
    - Answer questions about Fall by selecting an object or symbol using partner assisted scanning
  - Talk About
    - Share a personal photo about Fall
    - Play a personal video about Fall
    - Advance slides to tell a personal story about Fall
    - Make Choices from a Fall Topic Board
    - Share facts about Fall using a Voice Output Device
  
- **EARLY COMMUNICATOR ACTIVITIES (STAGE 3)**
  - Read About:
    - Listen to song about Fall
    - Listen to/watch a story about Fall
    - Touch photos/pictures related to Fall on an iPad/tablet to hear their names
    - Watch a sequence of events related to a Fall activity
  - Write About:
    - Point to Fall photos/pictures when named
    - Point to Fall photos/pictures in response to simple “wh” questions
    - Match items found on walk to Fall theme photo board
  - Talk About:
    - Answer questions and make comments about Fall using a topic-based communication board
    - Share personal photos of Fall and label people, objects in the photo
    - Name photos/pictures of items related to Fall using a Speech Generating Device with topic board
  
- **EARLY CONCEPTUAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES (STAGE 4)**
  - Read About:
    - Sort leaves by color/size
    - Play a Memory Game with Fall photo/picture cards
    - Play a Bingo/Lotto Game with Fall photo/picture cards
  - Write About

- Find photos/pictures related to Fall in a book or magazine
- Sequence photos/pictures to tell a story about Fall
- Identify a number and match with the appropriate number of Fall objects (i.e., leaves, acorns )
- Create patterns with Fall related objects
- Puzzles with Fall theme photos/pictures
- Fall related counting activities
- Matching /Sorting Fall related photos/pictures
- Talk About
  - Engage in make-believe play with peers using animal puppets related to Fall
  - Share about items found on nature walk
- **ADVANCED CONCEPT AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES (STAGE 5)**
  - Read About
    - Look at a story picture book about Fall
    - Match written words to pictures or photos of Fall
    - Match rhyming words about Fall
    - Determine cause-effect relationships about using photos/pictures
  - Write About
    - Build an Idea Map using pictures/photos combined with text
    - Create a story about Fall using pictures or photos
    - Sequence pictures with text to create simple sentences about Fall
  - Talk About
    - Describe what the weather is like in Fall
    - Talk about the holidays celebrated in Fall
    - Describe what your Halloween costume or pumpkin
    - Discuss favorite traditions and foods for Halloween, Thanksgiving
- **LITERACY BUILDING ACTIVITIES (STAGES 6-7)**
  - Read About
    - Match sentences about Fall to photos/pictures
    - Determine cause-effect relationships using pictures and text, or text only
    - Listen to/watch a sequence of events related to Fall
    - Listen to/read vocabulary maps with Fall related pictures/words
  - Write About
    - Sequence letters to spell Fall words
    - Alphabetize Fall words
    - Identify Fall rhyming words
    - Recognize Fall words by sight
    - Answer multiple choice questions related to Fall story
    - Sequence words to create sentences about Fall
    - Sequence pictures/photos with text to write a short story about Fall
  - Talk About
    - Give a short oral presentation about Fall verbally or with a communication device

- Participate in a discussion about Fall with peers
  - Describe the sequence of events related to a specific Fall activity (i.e., carving a pumpkin, making a scarecrow)
- **LEARNING GRIDS SPRING ACTIVITIES (FOR CLICKER 6, 7 AND CLICKER APPS)**
  - Seasons of an Apple Tree
  - All About Fall
  - From Seed to Pumpkin
  - In the Fall
- **CLICKER COMMUNICATOR ACTIVITIES (PREMADE COMMUNICATION PAGES FOR AAC APP)**
  - About Plants
  - Animal Adaptions - Squirrel
  - Animals or Plants
  - Seasons and Weather
- **READ IT ONCE AGAIN (LITERATURE BASED CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES)**
  - The Big Red Barn
  - The Little Red Hen
  - The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything
  - The Very Busy Spider
- **TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS**
  - Pumpkin Craft: (Life Cycle Pumpkin Craftivity) – Robin Sellers
  - Johnny Appleseed (Craftivities and Printables) – A Cupcake for the Teacher
  - Preschool\*Elementary Morning Meeting FALL ADD-ON Kit (special ed, autism) – Autism Classroom News – Christine Reeve
  - Fall Recipes (Reading Comprehension) (Life Skills) (Special Education)- Life Skills Creations
  - Math Worksheets: Same or Different -Fall Themed Special Education- Exceptional Learners – LeCha Garner
  - Kindergarten – Special Education – Primary – Scarecrows Math and Literacy Activities – The Teacher Bin
  - Fall Budget- Special Education – Shopping- Life Skills – Money- Autumn-Life Skills Creations
  - Fall Math – Special Education – Life Skills- Autumn Print and Go Worksheets – Life Skill Creations
- **IPAD APPS**
  - Autumn Designer (click and drag act activity), RosMedia
  - Berry and Dolly Autumn Tale (story-telling app – student must advance pages. Coloring activity included), Once Digital Arts
  - Five Little Witches (number concepts 1-5)– Inclusive Technology
  - HalloPuzzle (9 piece puzzle, Halloween theme), Scott Adelman apps

- Thanksgiving Puzzles (9 piece seasonal puzzles) – Scott Adelman Apps
- Halloween Color by Numbers (number/color recognition, basic addition and subtraction), Kedronic UAB
- StoryBots (create your own Halloween-Themed videos) – JibJab Media Inc.
- Weather Puzzles (9 piece weather puzzles) – Scott Adelman Apps

- **FALL/AUTUMN HOMEWORK IDEAS**

- Look at the moon each night with your child, on a full moon night. Do this each night for a month until the moon is full again.
  - Talk about what the moon looks like (shape, color size, bright, cloudy).
  - Describe how it changes each evening.
  - Take pictures to create a visual sequence of the changes.
- Collect an assortment of leaves from you neighborhood.
  - Talk about their shapes, colors, sizes, what kind of tree they came from
  - Use leaves to
    - Create a wreath: cut center out of paper plate and glue leaves all around
    - Make sun catchers: press leaves between two pieces of waxed paper, hand in window.
    - Make leaf rubbings: place a thin sheet of paper over leaves and rub with crayons