



March

NEWSLETTER

March's Themes

Sunny Savannah: Elephants, zebras, rhinos, and giraffes are just some of the amazing animals that roam the vast plains, hills, and grasslands of the sunny savannah landscape. The children will learn about the climate and the animals that live there.

Springtime Sparkles: March may bring rainy days, but all those showers make the world sparkle with the colors of spring. Flowers, baby birds, the Easter holiday, and gardening will be explored as the children welcome spring.

Activities for Home

- Read a book about spring with your child. Look carefully at the pictures. What symbols of spring are portrayed in the book - rain, flowers, birds, bugs? Talk about the springtime weather in your area. Ask, "What signs can you search for that show spring is coming? How can you tell the wind is blowing?" Point out waving flags or swaying trees. Does the air feel warm or cold?
- Spring is usually a rainy season. Grab an umbrella and make some wet discoveries with your child on a rainy day. While you walk in the rain together, ask, "Why do you think it rains? Why do we need rain? What do you like about the rain?" Be sure to wear waterproof shoes so you both can stomp in a few puddles!
- Create some savannah paintings with your child. Bring out some earthtone watercolor paints or tint a small amount of water with food coloring. Use paintbrushes to paint pictures and designs on white paper. Encourage your child to paint his or her favorite savannah animal. Is it an elephant, zebra, or giraffe? Let the pictures dry and display the artwork on your refrigerator or another special place.

Help Me Review

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Books, Books, Books

The best way to learn which books your child enjoys is to read children's books—lots of them! Check out funshineexpress.com for Book Lists corresponding to each month's themes. Get to know your local librarians and ask for their recommendations as well.

Hippos Are Huge!

by Jonathan London

Hippos Go Berserk

by Sandra Boynton

One Day on Our

Blue Planet ... in the Savannah

by Ella Bailey

Little Tails: In the Savannah

by Frédéric Brrémaud

Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit

by Il Sung Na

When Spring Comes Egg

both by Kevin Henkes

Let It Rain

by Maryann Cocca-Leffler

It's Spring!

by Linda Glaser

Nursery Rhymes



Little Bo Peep

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep,
And can't tell where to find them.
Leave them alone, and they'll
come home
Wagging their tails behind them.

Sing Along with Me!

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Savannah Animals

Sung to "Old MacDonald"

Animals are in the grass;
 Oh what do they say?
 Prowling lions in the grass,
 Roaring just this way.
 With a roar, roar here, and a roar, roar there.
 Here a roar, there a roar,
 Everywhere a roar roar.
 Prowling lions in the grass,
 Roaring just this way.




Springtime

Sung to "Ten Little Indians"

Springtime's here with gentle showers,
 Bringing pink and yellow flowers.
 Birds sing happy songs for hours!
 I love sparkly spring!



Reminders...

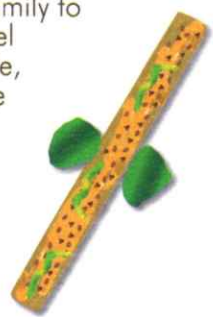


Bugs on a Branch

Ingredients:

- pretzel rods
- nut butter
- raisins
- mini chocolate chips
- gummy worms
- green fruitrolls

Make "birdy" treats for your family to enjoy! Offer your child a pretzel rod for a branch, a plastic knife, and a nut butter of your choice to spread onto one side of the pretzel rod. Allow your child to stick the raisins, mini chocolate chips, and gummy worms to the nut butter for bugs. Tear pieces from the green fruit wrap for leaves.



Everyday Spanish



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