

# How to Use This Book

Welcome to *Cross-Curricular Building Blocks*, a series of books full of educationally-based activities that can be used in a wide variety of teaching situations.

A unique selection of articles and non-fiction stories appropriate for specific grade levels have been compiled here that can serve as a starting point for cross-curricular studies. It's possible to use the articles as either a quick break during the day or as complete, comprehensive units. They can also easily be added to existing classroom studies because of the wealth of subjects covered and the fact that each of them supports multiple National Education Standards.

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Most articles in the *Cross-Curricular Building Blocks* series address the following National Standards:

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Mathematics: NM-PROB.PK-12.2, NM-PROB.CONN.PK-12.3



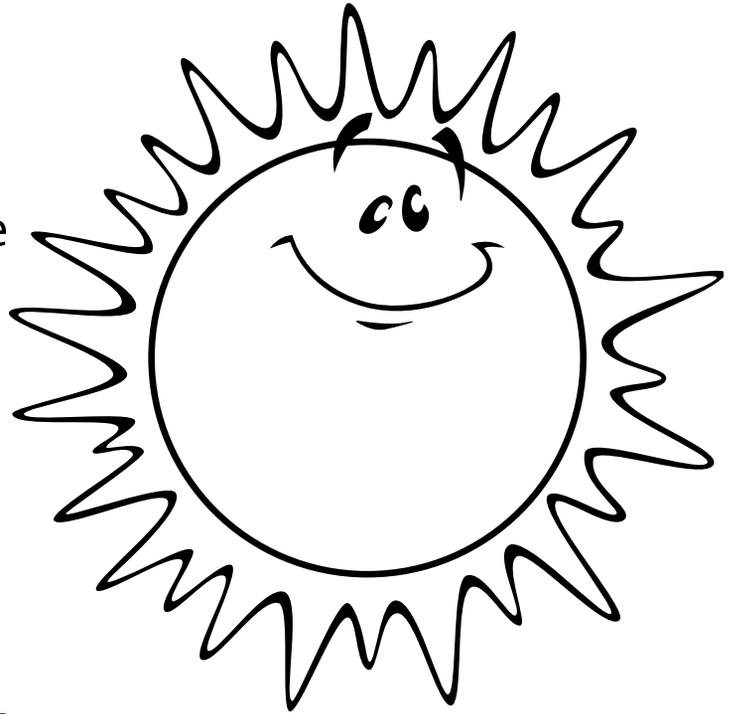
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# Four Seasons, One Year

Did you ever wonder why it's hot in July, but cold in December? Or why everything is green in April, but changes color in October? The reason is because of something called a season. There are four seasons, and each season is different.



Spring begins in the month of March. It lasts until June. Spring is a beautiful and amazing time of year. Grass turns bright green. Fruit grows on trees. Flowers bloom in many different colors. There is plenty of rain during the spring. But there is also plenty of sunshine! Spring is a great season to play outside.

In June, spring turns into summer. The weather gets warmer, and some days the temperature is really hot! The sun is out most of the time. There is less rain than in the spring. There are lots of things to do in the summer. You can go swimming at the pool, or even at the ocean. You can ride a bike around your neighborhood. In the summer, it stays light outside a lot longer. This means that you get to play outside even longer!

When summer is finally over, it's time for fall. Fall starts in September, and the weather starts to get colder. In the fall, leaves change from green to red, yellow, and gold. Whole trees change into bright, beautiful new colors. Eventually, the leaves start to fall off the trees. A fun fall activity is raking leaves. You put all of the fallen leaves into a big pile. Then you can jump into the pile!



In November, after all of the leaves have fallen, winter begins. Winter lasts until March. It's a long season! Winter is also the coldest season. You often have to bundle up when you go outside. You might need to wear a coat and a hat and gloves. Some places even get snow. When it lands on the ground, the snow covers the ground in big piles. Snow is a lot of fun in which to play. You can go sledding, throw snowballs, or build a snowman!

There you have it! Now you know all about the four seasons. You know what makes them special. You know that each one is different and fun. If you start to miss your favorite season, just be patient – it will be back soon!



# Dress for the Season!

Match each piece of clothing to its season.

