

STORY TIME RESOURCES

GOODBYE WINTER, HELLO SPRING

STORY TIME DESCRIPTION

Spring is an exciting time to get outside and enjoy warmer weather, observe plants and flowers growing. Spring is also the time to say goodbye to winter. Today I will read [Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring](#) by Kenard Pak. This book follows a boy and his dog as they hike through the countryside exploring all the signs of spring. Let's say goodbye to winter and hello to spring!

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

- **Seed Starting Ideas:** Take a look at these [12 seed starting ideas](#) using recycled materials.
- **Implement a Reduce, Recycle, and Reuse Project:** [Kids Gardening](#) suggests ways to reuse your seeds and ideas for [reducing, reusing and recycling in the garden](#).
- **Create Art Using Seed Catalogs:** Children can create a [plant picture collage](#) or make a [garden art box](#) using recycled seed catalogs.
- **Start a Book Garden:** This activity called [read in the garden](#) provides suggestions for combining garden and literacy. What a great hands-on way to bring children's picture books to life.

RELATED RESOURCES

- **Gardening with Kids:** Here's an article from PBS called [Gardening with Kids: How it affects Your Child's Brain, Body and Soul](#). This article focuses on the healthy benefits of gardening with children.
- **Project Learning Tree:** Project Learning Tree has an activity called [Bursting Buds](#) that focus on how the natural environment changes during spring. Print this [Connecting Kids to Nature](#) page and head outdoors to enjoy spring.
- **Celebrate Spring Equinox:** Forest School for All has provided [5 ways to celebrate the spring equinox with kids](#). Take a look at this great archived resource with [fun facts and activities for the spring equinox](#).
- **Spring Time Activities:** PBS for Parents has provided an article called [7 Simple Springtime Outdoor Activities](#) written by Mary Hope Garcia with tips, suggestions and ideas about engaging children in spring.
- **Hindu Spring Festival Holi:** The Colours of Us has a list of [9 children's picture books](#) to learn about and celebrate the Hindu Spring Festival Holi also known as the Festival of Colors.

RELATED CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- [*Lola Plants a Garden*](#) by Anna McQuinn
- [*What's in the Garden*](#) by Marianne Berkes
- [*Jayden's Impossible Garden*](#) by Mélina Manga
- [*Flower Garden*](#) by Eve Bunting
- [*Plant a Little Seed*](#) by Bonnie Christensen
- [*If You Plant a Seed*](#) by Kadir Nelson
- [*Michelle's Garden: How the First Lady Planted Seeds of Change*](#) by Sharee Miller
- [*The Ugly Vegetables*](#) by Grace Lin
- [*Kamala and Maya's Big Idea*](#) by Meena Harris
- [*Plant the Tiny Seed*](#) Christie Matheson
- [*Messy Bessey's Garden*](#) by Patricia & Fredrick McKissack
- [*What's Sprouting in My Trash? A Counting Book About Composting*](#) by Esther Porter
- [*Compost!*](#) by Linda Glaser
- [*It's Spring!*](#) By Linda Glaser
- [*And Then It's Spring*](#) by Julie Fogliano
- [*Everything Spring*](#) by Jill Esbaum
- [*I Am Spring*](#) by Rebecca McDonald
- [*Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit: A Book of Changing Seasons*](#) by Il Sung Na