

Lesson Plan: My Seasonal Adventure Day!

Materials Needed:

- Large tray or bin (for sensory activity)
 - Sensory base: dried leaves, small twigs, acorns (for Fall) OR cotton balls and blue glitter (for Winter)
 - Construction paper (white, green, brown, pink, red, yellow)
 - Child-safe scissors and glue stick
 - Crayons or markers
 - Small objects from around the house or yard (e.g., a toy car, a block, a spoon, a leaf, a flower, a small rock)
 - Index cards or small pieces of paper
 - A bag or basket for collecting items
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Learning Objectives:

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to:

- Identify the initial sound of at least three letters by matching objects to them.
 - Count a group of 11-15 objects accurately and identify the corresponding numeral.
 - Demonstrate the concept of addition by combining two small groups of objects to find a total.
 - Sort items based on a scientific characteristic (e.g., what season they belong to).
 - Create a piece of art that represents the four seasons.
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Lesson Activities

1. Warm-Up: The Seasons Song (5 Minutes)

Goal: To introduce the theme of seasons and get moving.

Instructions:

1. Sing this simple song to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Do the actions together!
 2. **(Verse 1 - Winter)**
Winter time is cold and white, (*Shiver and hug yourself*)
Snowflakes falling, oh so bright. (*Wiggle fingers downward*)
 3. **(Verse 2 - Spring)**
Springtime comes, the flowers grow, (*Crouch down and "grow" up tall*)
Little seeds all in a row. (*Poke fingers into the ground*)
 4. **(Verse 3 - Summer)**
Summer sun is hot and high, (*Make a big circle with your arms overhead*)
Let's go swimming, you and I! (*Pretend to swim*)
 5. **(Verse 4 - Fall)**
In the fall the leaves drift down, (*Raise hands high and float them down*)
Red and yellow, orange and brown. (*Spin around*)
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2. Activity: Seasonal Sound Sort (15 Minutes)

Goal: Connect letter sounds to tangible, season-related objects in a hands-on way.

Setup:

- Prepare a sensory bin. For this example, let's make a **Fall bin**: Fill a tray with dried leaves, twigs, and acorns.
- Write three letters on index cards that are relevant to your items. For example: **L** (for leaf), **S** (for stick), **A** (for acorn).
- Hide a few extra items in the bin that start with those sounds (e.g., a toy **L**ion, a toy **S**nake, a plastic **A**pple).

Instructions:

1. Introduce the bin: "Let's explore our fall sensory bin! What do you see and feel?" Let your child play for a minute.
2. Introduce the letter cards. "This is the letter L. It makes the 'llll' sound. Can you say 'llll'?" Do this for each letter.
3. **The Mission:** "Let's be sound detectives! Can you find something in the bin that starts with the 'llll' sound?"
4. As your child pulls out an object (like a leaf), help them say the word slowly ("llll-eaf") to hear the first sound. Then, they can place it on the 'L' card.
5. Continue until all the items are sorted onto the correct letter cards.

Teacher Tip: Focus on the sound, not on perfect letter recognition. Celebrate every attempt!

3. Activity: Nature Number Hunt & Addition (15 Minutes)

Goal: Practice counting and recognizing numbers 11-15, and introduce the concept of "adding one more."

Setup:

- On index cards, write the numbers **11, 12, 13, 14, 15**.
- Grab a small bag or basket.

Instructions:

1. Go outside for a "Nature Number Hunt." If you can't go outside, use items you've already collected or items in the house.
2. Show the number **11** card. "This is the number eleven! Let's find eleven tiny pebbles." Count each pebble out loud as you put it in the basket. When you have 11, place them in a pile next to the number card.
3. Repeat for another number, like **13**. "This is thirteen! Let's find thirteen leaves." Count them out together.
4. **Introduction to Addition:**
 - Place 3 leaves in a pile. Ask, "How many leaves are here?" (Three!)
 - Say, "Oh look! One more leaf just fell from the tree and joined the pile!" Add one more leaf.
 - "Now how many leaves are there all together? Let's count!" (Four!)
 - "Wow! We just did addition! We had 3, and we added 1 more to make 4!"
 - Repeat with other small numbers (e.g., 2 pebbles + 2 pebbles = 4 pebbles). Use your hands to physically group them together to make the concept visible.

4. Creative Application: Four Seasons Tree Craft (15 Minutes)

Goal: To creatively demonstrate understanding of the four seasons.

Setup:

- On a large piece of white paper, draw the outline of a tree trunk with four main, bare branches spreading out.
- Gather your art supplies: cotton balls (winter), pink tissue paper torn into small pieces (spring), green paint or crayon (summer), and red/yellow/orange paper scraps or real leaves (fall). Don't forget the glue!

Instructions:

1. Show your child the tree. "This tree is going to show all four seasons at once! Let's decorate each branch."
2. Point to the top left branch. "Let's make this one **Spring**. What happens to trees in the spring?" (They grow flowers!) Glue the pink tissue paper "blossoms" onto the branch.
3. Move to the next branch for **Summer**. "What do the leaves look like in the hot summer?" (They are green and full!) Use fingerprints with green paint or scribble with a green crayon to make leaves.
4. Next branch is for **Fall**. "What happens in the fall?" (The leaves change color and fall down!) Glue the colorful paper scraps or real leaves onto this branch.
5. The last branch is for **Winter**. "And what about the cold winter?" (It might have snow on it!) Glue stretched-out cotton balls onto the branch for snow.

Wrap-Up & Show What You Know (5 Minutes)

Display the Four Seasons Tree art proudly. While looking at it, ask simple, guiding questions to check for understanding:

- "Point to the winter branch. What kind of clothes would we wear in the winter?"
- "Let's look at our number cards. Can you find the number 13? Great! Now can you count out 13 of your crayons for me?"
- "I'm thinking of a sound... 'sssss'. What letter makes that sound? Can you find something in the room that starts with 'sssss'?"

This wrap-up is a gentle, conversation-based way to see what your child absorbed from the lesson. Celebrate their wonderful work and learning adventure!