



Social Studies work teaches about our daily life.

In our work on Social Studies we look at how all the strands affect our daily lives. Geography/climate, economics, government, cultural traditions and even history all shape decisions we make in daily life – even as young students. These pages were taken from my "All Year Social Studies TownBuilder" product for grades 2-3 which is an in depth year-long study of all these strands.

Seasons affect many parts of daily life.

Climate, weather and the change of the seasons affect much of what we do each day. Many people choose where to live based on the climate. Weather can be both a helpful and destructive force for people and their property. The change of seasons allows for many different types of work, food, celebrations and recreation. Plants and animals also change their ways with the seasons. These four Student Journal pages – Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer were included to show the effects of weather changes on how we live. They also integrate many science concepts of weather and plant and animal life cycles.

Make connections between your life and the seasons, and between the seasons themselves.

Describe relationships between the seasons and your activities, clothing, food, traditions...

Describe relationships between the seasons and plant and animal life cycles.

I ask the students to draw their house, themselves and at least one plant and animal as they would be living in each season. Their house may be covered with snow, or sporting a fall wreath or some holiday decorations. The student may be raking leaves, shoveling snow or playing in a backyard swimming pool. Plants may be dormant, blooming or producing fruits. Animals may be migrating away or nesting. The students will have their own ideas and there are more ideas for each season on the next page. The last page is a writing format for the students to explain what they drew for each season. Some prompting questions could include:

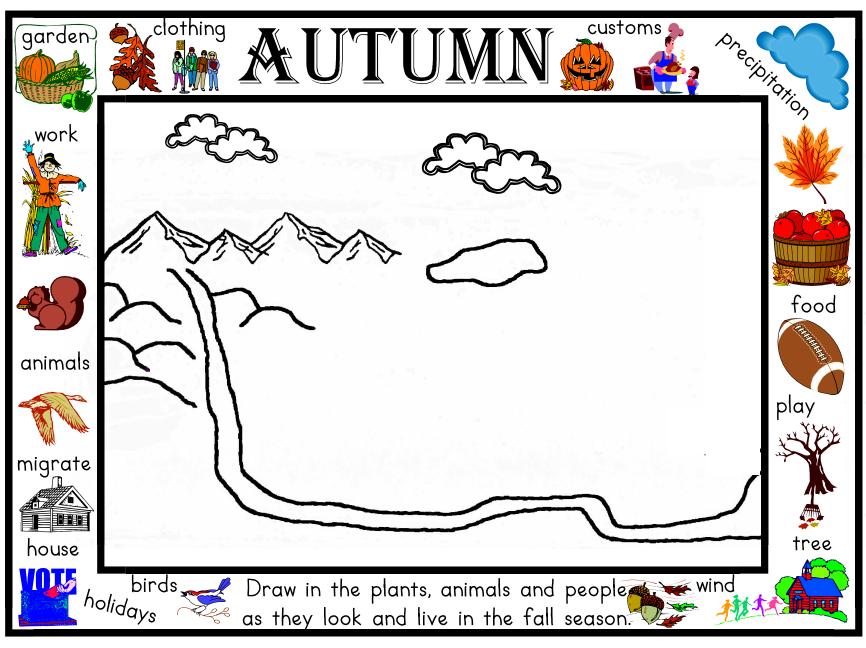
- -What is your favorite thing about this season? Do you look forward to it every year? Why or why not?
- -How can people earn extra money in this season? (shoveling snow, raking leaves, lifeguard...)
- -What holidays does your family celebrate in this season what traditions go with those holidays?
- -What are the wild animals that live around you doing during this season? (squirrels, rabbits...)
- -Look at your tree. How has it changed from the way you drew it on the last season page?
- -What is traveling like during this season?
- -We have to pay for heating and air conditioning is this an "expensive" season? I'm sure you and your students will have more ideas. Enjoyl

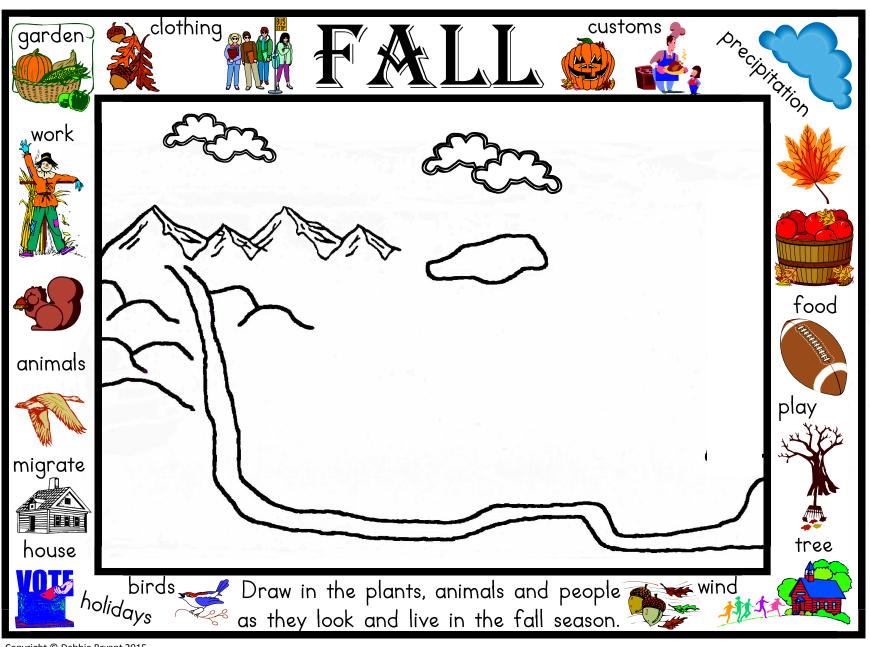
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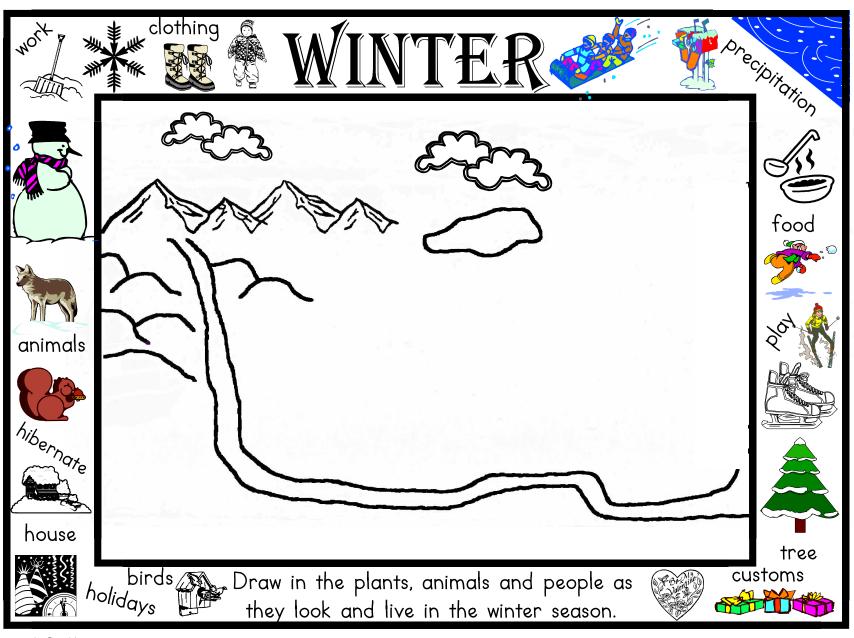
Ideas for showing effects of seasonal changes

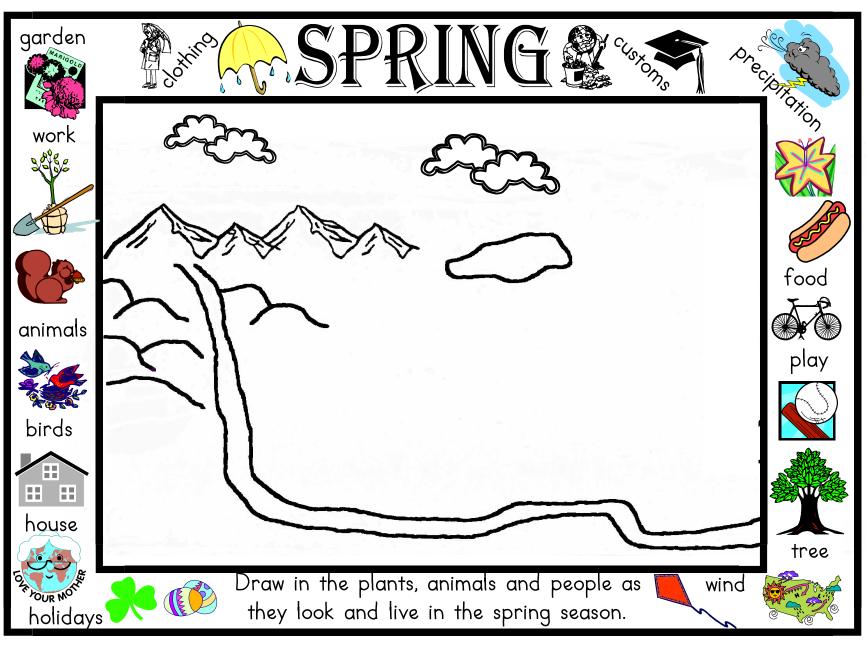


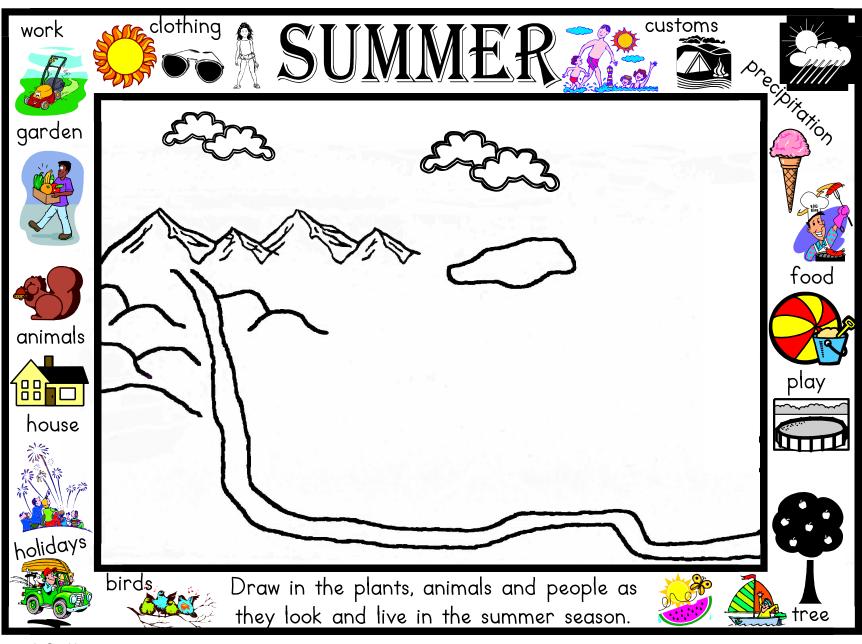
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	People	Plants	Animals	
Fall/	*Harvest, storage, feasts	*Bear fruit to create seeds	*Storing food, bulking up for	
1 all/	*Weather effects, prepare for	*Less rain, less daylight, less	hibernation	
Autumn	winter	chlorophyll	*Loss of hiding places	
/ (drainii	*Warmer clothing	*Leaves change color, fall	*Less to eat	
	*Leaf raking	*Some die, some dormant	*Migration	
	*Fall holidays	*Animals, people, wind, water	*Winter fur, some change color	
	*Fall foliage trips	spread seeds		
	*Back to school!	*Life cycle tied to weather, temp		
Winter	*Stored or imported food, less	*Many are dormant	*Live off fat, other stored food	
	fresh produce	*Leaves are gone, needles stay	*Some fed by people	
	*Weather may inhibit travel, stay	green	*Hibernation	
	indoors more	*Brown, brittle	*Migration	
	*Snow, ice, weather effects	*Some animals live in trees for	*Less travel, less active	
	*Snow management jobs	winter	*More, thicker fur	
	*Winter holidays &sports	*People use firewood		
Spring	*Planting gardens	*Warmer temps, more rain	*More food sources	
Spring	*Lighter clothes	*Trees start to grow leaves	*New grass	
	*Spring cleaning custom	*Germination	*Babies!	
	*Building, painting	*Animals eat new plants	*Return migration	
	*Spring holidays and sports	*Birds nest in trees	*Shed winter coats	
		*People plant new seeds		
Summer	*Pruning, fertilizing	*Pollination, flower making	*More food available	
	*Summer sports	*Growing season	*More active	
	*Recreation – swimming	*Insects, animals eat plants	*Raising babies	
	*Summer holidays & travel	*Trees offer shelter and shade		











Vame	Season	Date	
Describe your drawing. N nas on plants and anima	Make connections between your activiti ls.	ies and the season, as well as the e	effects this season
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