

March-April, 2008
HAPPY SPRING!

Dear Teachers,

I have had a great (although messy-travel) winter meeting you at state grade-level conventions and in your school districts, and during my centers workshops. You are all the best!!!

This spring, I thought it would be fun to model how to coordinate materials from different sources to create mini-units for your classrooms and have some of those ideas evolve into literacy and math centers. So, that's what I have done.

You will find lots of song/poem lyrics on St. Patrick's Day, Springtime, and Birthday themes along with writing suggestions, literacy center ideas, and "math bag" activities for your centers. Each page will indicate which of my products the ideas come from, but some aren't even published yet. I have recently had fun sharing them with kids who like them, so I thought your students might like them, too.

Be sure to check out the higher level version of our very popular book *Time for Learning Centers*. (Just click on Gift Shop.) It is for grades 1-2 and called *MORE Time for Literacy Centers*. It is our latest book to add to our center selection. Also, you might want to look at these for your centers:

1. *Dr. Maggie's Reading Pals* (four books, and oh, so cute and meaningful! Plus, they are done for you and quite inexpensive!)

2. *Early Childhood Centers*

This book is for Pre-K and K and really describes the difference in developmental centers (play centers) and literacy centers (work centers) and includes TONS of activities and games and lists of everything you need to be successful with centers for our little ones.

3. *Jingle-Jangles*

This book has so many marvelous choral reading-in-parts and with solos and is a bridge book between choral reading of poems and readers' theater...it really prepares our students so they can perform readers' theater scripts successfully. It is perfect for Kindergarten through grade 2 and even comes with props and "little book" versions along with the scripts.

So, again, enjoy our earth as it reawakens to springtime, and enjoy this month's offerings.

Dr. Maggie

