



April, 2009

## Introduction

Hi! Teachers,



Happy Spring! With springtime upon us, let's wake up and smell the flowers and encourage our students to do the same. This month, I've included fun songs and activities about spring, seeds and plants, and bees. Enjoy!

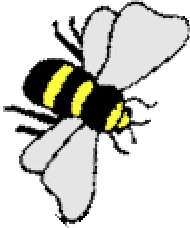
During this month, as children question current world events, let's stand ready to balance uncertainty and worry with joy and wonder! Take walks around the school in the sunshine. Pause to cloud-watch and find and write about shapes or scenes depicted in the clouds. Encourage children to observe and record tree, leaf, and plant growth as spring blossoms forth. Bring potted bulbs and flowering plants to school and watch as they grow. Paint pictures of them. Talk and write about spring, growth, and life!

Wishing you a joyous, peaceful spring!  
Dr. Maggie



# Buzzin' Around

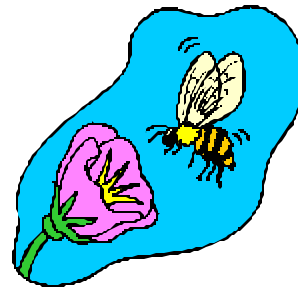
(Sung to the tune of "Shortnin' Bread")



We are the busy buzz,  
Busy buzz, busy buzz.  
We are the busy buzz,  
Busy buzz bees.

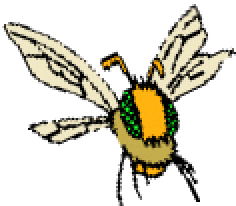
We like to buzz around,  
Buzz around, buzz around.  
We like to buzz around.  
We're busy buzz bees.

We collect pollen,  
pollen, pollen.  
We collect pollen.  
We're busy buzz bees.



We make honey,  
honey, honey.  
We make honey.  
We're busy buzz bees.

If you're not careful,  
We'll buzz around, buzz around.  
If you're not careful,  
We'll buzz around you!

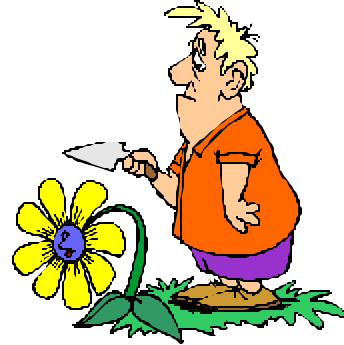


**BZZZZZZZZZZZZ!!!**

# A Tiny Seed

By Dr. Maggie Allen

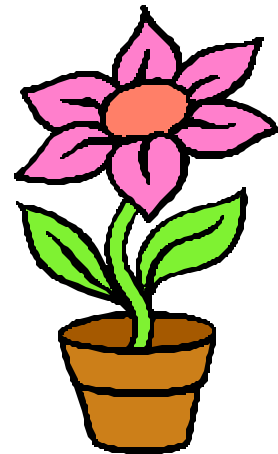
I plant a tiny seed,  
Deep into the ground.  
I pour some water on  
And gently pat it down.



I watch it every day  
And wait for it to grow.  
I watch the sun shine on it,  
But it grows so slow!

The soil provides its food,  
The sun provides its light.  
I water every day  
A little bit, just right.

I watch it every day,  
And wait for it to grow.  
And finally, it happens,  
A sprout begins to show!



# Go Away Mr. Rain Cloud!

Adapted by Dr. Maggie Allen

(Roles: Reader 1 and Reader 2)

## Reader 1

Rain, rain  
Come again  
All my friends

We want  
We want  
We want  
We want

So, Mr. Rain Cloud...

Go, go!  
Come again  
All my friends

## Reader 2

go away.  
another day.  
want to play.

to climb.  
to run.  
to swing.  
to have fun!

Please, Mr. Rain Cloud...

Go away.  
another day.  
want to play.



# When Easter Comes Around

by Dr. Maggie Allen



I'll wear an Easter bonnet,  
I'll stand up straight and tall.  
I'll make an Easter basket  
To share with one and all.

I'll draw some Easter pictures  
Of bunnies, ducks, and  
chicks.  
I'll show them all to Dad  
To see which one he picks.

I'll dye some Easter eggs  
To hide without a sound.  
Oh, what fun I'll have  
When Easter comes around!



## Spring Poem

Share this springtime poem with the children. Invite them to talk about how it feels when warm weather arrives and coats and gloves are no longer needed. Then have students dramatize the poem. Some children can remove jackets, coats, and mittens on cue. Others can float away as "snow clouds," rise up as "flowers," and flutter back as "birds" migrating north.

## Now It's Spring

by Dr. Maggie Allen

No more jackets,  
No more coats,  
No more mittens for me.  
No more staying  
Inside all day,  
No more empty trees.

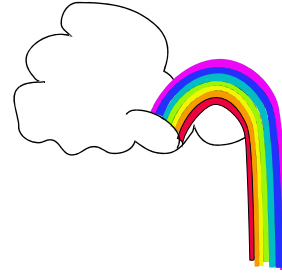
No more snow clouds,  
No more snow.  
Now it's springtime...you'll see!  
Flowers, green leaves,  
And birds that sing,  
All make me feel happy.



# Critters, Colors, and Clouds

by Dr. Maggie Allen

I go off exploring.  
I explore each day.  
I go off exploring  
For critters, colors, and clouds.



After rain I look up high  
Through clouds, an arc I see.  
Seven colors all displayed  
In a rainbow just for me...as

I go off exploring.  
I explore each day.  
I go off exploring  
For critters, colors, and clouds.



Sometimes when I see a cat  
As I go out to play.  
I pretend that it's a lion  
In a jungle far away...as



I go off exploring.  
I explore each day.  
I go off exploring  
For critters, colors, and clouds.

Then I realize that I don't  
Need to go far away.  
I can stay right here and study  
Bugs and clouds each day...as

I go off exploring.  
I explore each day.  
I go off exploring  
For critters, colors, and clouds.



# Mr. Frog Went Courtin'

Adapted by Dr. Maggie Allen

(Roles: Mr. Frog, Miss Mouse, Group 1, Group 2)

**Group 1:** Mr. Frog went courtin', and he did ride.

**Group 2:** Um-hm! Um-hm!

**Group 1:** Mr. Frog went courtin', and he did ride

**Group 2:** with a sword and a pistol by his side.

**Group 1:** Um-hm! Um-hm!  
he said:

**Mr. Frog:** Hello, Miss Mouse! Are you within?

**Miss Mouse:** Yes, sir. Here I sit and spin.

**Group 2:** He took Miss Mouse upon his knee.  
He said:

**Mr. Frog:** Miss Mouse, will you marry me?

**Miss Mouse:** Where will the wedding supper be?

**Mr. Frog:** Way down yonder in a hollow tree.

**Group 1:** Now, Mr. Frog was dressed in green.  
Um-hm! Um-hm!

**Group 2:** And Miss Mouse looked just like a queen.  
Um-hm! Um-hm!



**Mr. Frog:** Welcome, guests. Welcome little with moth.  
Please spread out the tablecloth.

**Miss Mouse:** Welcome guests. Welcome bumblebee.  
Please play that fiddle on your knee.

**Group 1:** The next guest was a little flea.  
He did a jig with the bumblebee.

**Group 2:** The next guest was a pesky old fly.  
He ate up all the wedding pie.

**Group 1:** The next to come in was a little red ant.  
She always said, "I can't, I can't!"

**Group 2:** The next to come in was a fluffy yellow chick.  
He ate so much it made him sick.

**Mr. Frog:** Welcome guests. Welcome old tomcat.  
But don't swallow Miss Mouse...  
we can't have that!



**Miss Mouse:** Welcome guests. Welcome big brown snake.  
Now don't gulp Mr. Frog when  
he swims in the lake!

**Mr. Frog:** To all our friends in dressy gowns and pants,  
welcome here to our wedding dance.

**Miss Mouse:** Also, friends, there's bread and cheese  
on the shelf.  
If you're still hungry, please help yourself!  
Um-hm! Um-hm!



# Rah! Rah! Class Cheer

by Dr. Maggie Allen

Spoken: Ready, hit it!  
Rah, rah, sis boom bah,  
Let's get ready to cheer  
for our class, our class,  
the best in school this year!



2 4 6 8  
Our class, our class is really great!

Echo  
Echo

3 5 7 9  
We work hard all the time.

Echo  
Echo

4 8 12 16  
Our class, our class is really keen!  
YEA!

Echo  
Echo



Sing or chant the cheer. Math Center: Examine the number series in each line. What algebraic pattern is represented? What is the next digit? Sort Odd & Even number sequences. Write the results on the Odd & Even Chart.