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SIDE ONE - SPRING/SUMMER

I'm Walkin' (Seasons)

- Identify seasons
- Draw seasonal pictures.
- Make a one year time line

I'm walkin' on the sidewalk by my street
at this time of year the air smells fresh and sweet
bees and trees and flowers - the days are getting warm
sometimes when it showers I watch the sky perform
the whole world seems so fresh and clean
the whole world's getting back its green

at this time of year the sun gives us its heat
I sleep late when days are hot - mornings seem to end too soon
I meet my friends at our favorite spot and swim all afternoon
I get to do the things I like
like picnic, swim, and ride my bike

at this time of year leaves rustle at my feet
the wind is getting stronger and often from the west
shadows getting longer - some say these days are best
my friends and I are back at school
the nights are starting to get cool

at this time of year snow crunches under feet
bundle up each morning - the temperatures are low
homes feel warm and cozy when covered white with snow
the north wind blows its strongest strong
the nights are at their longest long

A Little Bit of Rain (Science)

Divide class into project groups using topics mentioned in song, such as sink-float experiments or reports on major and local bodies of water.

just think of what a little bit of rain can do
it makes the oceans and the morning dew
it makes the lakes and puddles too

it started raining before any life began
I'm sure its gonna rain just as long as it can
'cause if there wasn't any rain to fall
there couldn't be any life at all

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A Little Bit of Rain (Science) CONT FROM P.1

even when it's only little showers
think of all that rain can do for flowers
but rain doesn't only make the flowers grow
rain can make the mighty rivers flow

don't forget about the drizzle or the great cloudburst
the next time water lets you quench your thirst
without water it's a dry canteen
without rain the world could not be green

without water there wouldn't be any boats
no towels, no tubs, no sinks, no floats
without rain, I couldn't wash my face
our world would be such a lifeless place

so it rains on me and it rains on you
it rains on the preacher and the teacher too
it seems like it could wash the whole world clean
rain's the greatest thing I've ever seen

I'm A Flower (Growth)

- Interpretive body movement of flower growing.
- Time-lapse film of actual flower growth - check library or create your own, using song as sound track.
- Photos or drawings of flower growth.

I'm a flower - I'm a flower
safely tucked inside a seed
slowly soaking up the rain
gently pushing through the ground
finally reaching toward the sun
quietly moving with the wind

Helium Balloon (Weather)

- Use in the study of wind currents in a weather project.
- Learn address form by putting name, address and message on laminated paper with permanent ink and attaching to the knot of a helium filled balloon. Wait for possible response.

the best part of having a helium balloon is -
walking with it while you hum your favorite tune
how it brightens up an afternoon in June
letting it fly away but not too soon
wondering if it's somehow going to reach the moon
losing it

Pop, Pop, Bang, Bang (Fourth of July)

Marching and rhythm band.

pop pop bang bang fourth of July
family picnics - Mom's apple pie
marching bands - fireworks in the sky
baseball games almost ending in tie
I get a bang out of that day

SIDE TWO - AUTUMN/WINTER

West Wind (Seasonal Weather Change)

- Collecting and classifying leaves.
- Study of globe.
- Keep weather record of daily temperatures and wind directions.

west wind, west wind, where do you hide
all summer long when it's warm outside?
west wind, west wind, where have you been?
I feel the chill that says you're here again

days get shorter my shadow reveals it
nights get cooler everybody feels it

west wind you've been gone for so long
autumn is here and summer is gone
I can see by looking around - the trees are brown
and leaves are on the ground

when autumn's here swirling leaves will show it
when seasons change everybody knows it

Peace Pipe (Thanksgiving)

- a.) Pass a decorated pipe while seated Indian style in a circle. Suggest that each child become "peaceful" as their hands touch the pipe. Remind children to keep the pipe out of their mouths.
- b.) Dismissal time- with or without music -can become peaceful by giving the pipe to child who is most peaceful, and that child giving it to another who is most peaceful and so on. After each child gives the pipe to a friend, he or she is dismissed.

they passed the peace pipe when they sat down with each other
they passed the pipe when they were ready to be friends
they passed the peace pipe and became sisters and brothers
they sat down with each other - they were ready to be friends

If I See An Indian (Thanksgiving)

Dramatize.

Indians were Americans before the states were born
they were kind enough to help us Pilgrims grow our corn
so if I see an Indian I'll invite him to our feast
after all they've done for us it seems the very least
I can do for my friends with a hand to lend
to friends with a helping hand

If I see an Indian with a feather in his hair
I'll ask him to our table and we'll share a little prayer
we'll share some roasted turkey, our famous wild game
Indians were Americans before we Pilgrims came
they've been friends with a helping hand to lend
to friends with a helping hand

I hope I'll never ever cease to understand
Americans were kind to let us Pilgrims share their land
so if I see an Indian I'll invite him to our feast
after all they've done for us it seems the very least
I can do for my friends with a hand to lend
to friends with a helping hand

That Once A Year Time (Christmas and Hanukkah)

holidays come once a year
that once a year time is here
time to spread some love and cheer
the holidays are here

Hanukkah lasts for eight days
Christmas time means happy days
we celebrate in many ways
our winter holidays

lights upon a Christmas tree
smiles on every face I see
I wish that every day could be
a happy holiday

candles lighting my window
children hoping it will snow
grandmas rolling cookie dough
the holidays are here

you might see snow fall from the sky
you might see reindeer flying by
now you know what times are my
favorite holidays

I Just Can't Wait Till Christmas (Christmas)

I just can't wait till Christmas
everywhere I go there's lots of mistletoe
don't be late - I just can't wait
I'm hoping it will snow
there's a Santa dressed in red riding in his sled
don't be late - I just can't wait
did you hear me when I said -
I just can't wait till Christmas?

There's A Special Time Of Year (Christmas)

there's a special time of year
and I'm happy when its here
there's pine and holly and folks are jolly
I feel it getting near

there's mistletoe, and big bright bows
and a special kind of cheer

you can hear it in the sounds of church bells ringing
you can hear it in the sounds of children singing
you can hear it everywhere - you can feel it in the air
you can feel it in the hope the season's bringing

It's more than toys - It's Christmas joys
I wish it stayed all year

It's Christmas Time (Christmas & Other Occasions)

EXAMPLE:

x x x x x
It's Christmas time, it's Christmas time
 x x
Jingle, jingle, jingle, jingle
 x x
Jingle, jingle, jingle, jingle...

Song ends with children holding their hands out with palms up, saying "yeah!".

Variations:

It's turkey time...gobble, gobble...
It's Halloween...trick or treat...
It's witch time...heh, heh...
It's lunch time...yummy, yummy...

- a.) Help children make up other variations.
b.) Snap or clap on syllables with x above them.

it's Christmas time - jingle
it's Santa time - ho ho
it's elf time - hammer

There's A Star (A Shepherd's Song) (Christmas)

Dramatize.

there's a star so bright in the sky
it makes me wonder why

it's such a wonderful star
to make me follow far

what gift should I bring?
I haven't anything

my gift is my song - I will sing
for him our newborn king

That's How It Goes (Winter Becoming Spring)

- a.) Have children create a movie following the story line. You might include time-lapse footage of a melting snowman the children build.
b.) Dance.

when it's winter and the wind blows and blows
we'll build a snowman the first day it snows
and use a carrot to give him a nose
raggedy clothes - everyone knows...

that a snowman should have an old hat
and a snowman needs a belly that's fat
and a snowman should feel confident that
you're the best friend he's had - with a pipe from your Dad

when it's spring time and warmer winds blow
and it's time for flowers to grow
then it's time for snowmen to go
everyone knows - that's how it goes

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