

Spring Activities!

During the month of March, spring gently unfolds its colorful beauty. It's a wonderful time to appreciate nature's beauty and to admire the colors and freshness of the spring season. Try some of these activities with your students.

SPRING! SPRING! SPRING!

Ask your students to do one or more of these springtime activities:

- List six ways that spring is different from autumn.
- Ask six people what they like best about spring, record the results and report your findings.
- Write a poem about spring using the letters S-P-R-I-N-G.
- Look up the word "spring" in the dictionary and list at least three different definitions.
- Write a story entitled, "The Year Spring Forgot to Come!"
- Find the times of both sunset and sunrise for March 21st, the first day of spring, in the local newspaper. Compare these times to those of one or two weeks before.

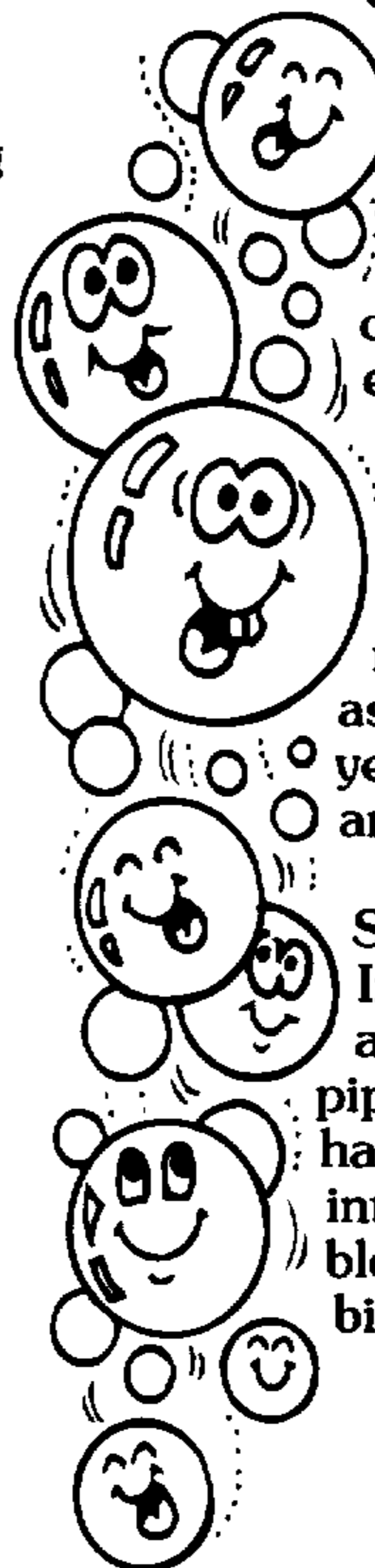
SPRING CLEANING!

Encourage students to keep their desk and work area neat and tidy by arranging a "spring cleaning" afternoon. Tell the children, a couple of days before, when the spring cleaning will take place. Provide a bottle of spray cleaner and paper towels to clean the desk tops and paper grocery bags so students can take personal things home. Have students take an inventory of the things found in their desks. (Use the form provided in this chapter.) The results of the inventory can be used in graphing exercises. It can also show the need for your students to be more prepared.



BLOWING BUBBLES!

Reward your students for jobs well done by letting them blow bubbles!



Give each student a small, empty baby food jar with lid. Fill each jar two-thirds full with water and add two teaspoons of liquid detergent. Provide several different colors of food coloring and let each child pick their favorite to color their mixture. (This activity provides a perfect format to show how mixing primary colors together will make secondary colors, such as red and yellow make orange, yellow and blue make green, and blue and red make purple.)

Stir the solution until mixed. Instruct each student to make a bubble wand by bending a pipe cleaner to form a loop and handle. Students dip the wands into the jar and blow the bubbles. See who can make the biggest bubbles.