

KINDERGARTEN READINESS TIPS

Share a story about a tree through the seasons...

Tree: A Peek-Through Picture Book by Britta Teckentrup



Grown-up tip

This is a fantastic song to teach kids about changing seasons! It contains vocabulary building words like "blossoms," "breezes," and "autumn." After you are both familiar with the song, talk about these words and continue to use movement together. Do they know what a breeze is? How does the tree look in the breeze? What if there was wind instead; how fast would the tree move then? What if there was a blizzard!? Active pretend play can be a powerful boost to a growing mind!

Take a look at this!

Visit OC Public Library's Kindergarten Readiness webpage to see a video of this rhyme. Scan the QR code to find out more!



The Tree Song

by Lorraine Lee (Hammond) ©1979

This is my trunk, I'm a tall, tall tree
Reach from the ground up into the air
In springtime the blossoms grow on me
Put your closed hands in front of you
They open, they open
Open one, then the other
This is my trunk, I'm a tall, tall tree
In summer the breezes blow through me
I bend, I bend
Slowly bend at the waist, side to side
This is my trunk, I'm a tall, tall tree
In autumn the apples grow on me
Hold your closed hands above your head
They drop, they drop
Swing your arms down, one after the other
This is my trunk, I'm a tall, tall tree
In winter the snowflakes fall on me
Open your hands wide and flutter your fingers
down to your waist
I shiver, I shiver
Give your body a hug and shimmy
Repeat spring

Try this non-fiction title!

Seasons
by Hannah Pang



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