

Special Ed



**GEOFFREY
GROUNDHOG
PREDICTS THE
WEATHER**

LITERACY UNIT



Special Needs for Special Kids

ALSO INCLUDES GOOGLE SLIDES



These literacy units are something I created and started using in my classroom. I had students with significant challenges and most were **non-readers**. This is a great way to expose all students to some great books.

Geoffrey Groundhog Predicts the Weather

Literacy Unit for Special Education

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In a separate files you will find:

- Activities in black and white
- Link and directions for digital activities (including the book read aloud)

This unit has 30 pages plus 12 google slides. There are 5 activities to go with this book to last a full week of instruction.

This unit comes in 2 separate files, one in color and one in black and white.

This unit comes with a storyboard.

Storyboards are great for ALL students to assist with participation and engagement in group discussions.

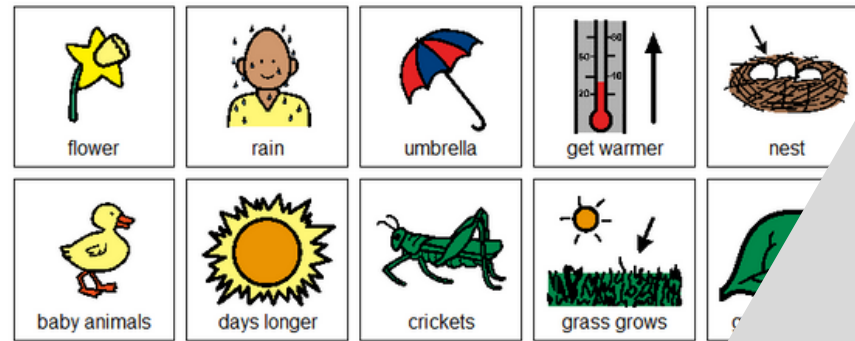
Tips on how to use in the unit!!



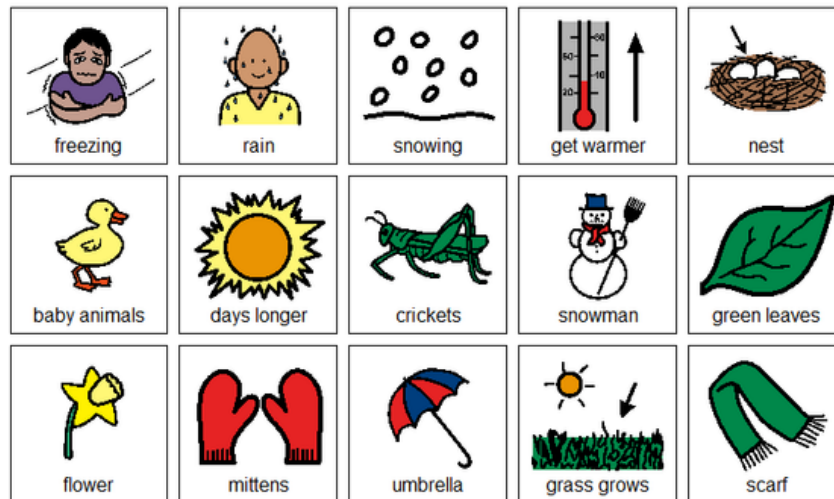
The first time, Geoffrey predicts that spring will be coming soon.
Complete the circle map with signs of spring coming.



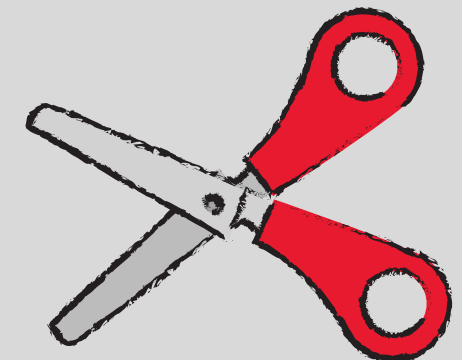
Place the signs of spring following in the circle map on the previous page.



Place the following in the circle map on the previous page **ONLY IF** they are signs of spring.



There is a circle map about signs spring is coming. There is an option that only has correct answers and one that has wrong answers mixed in.

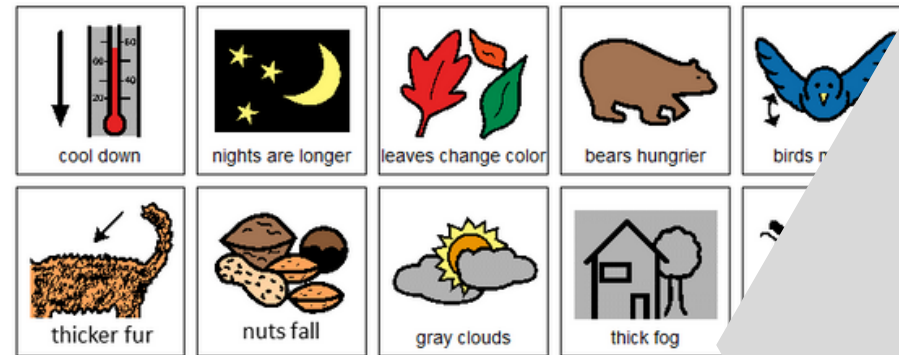


The next year, Geoffrey decides that winter is going to stick around. What are some signs that the winter is coming?



errorless

Place the following in the circle map showing that winter is coming.

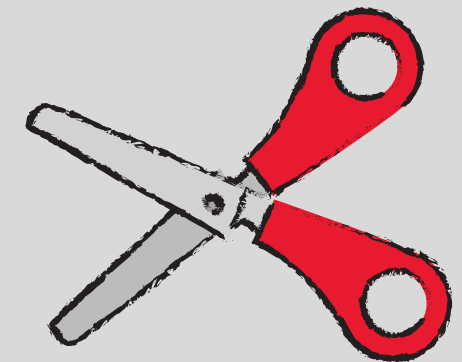


Place the following on the previous page **ONLY IF** they are a sign that winter is coming.

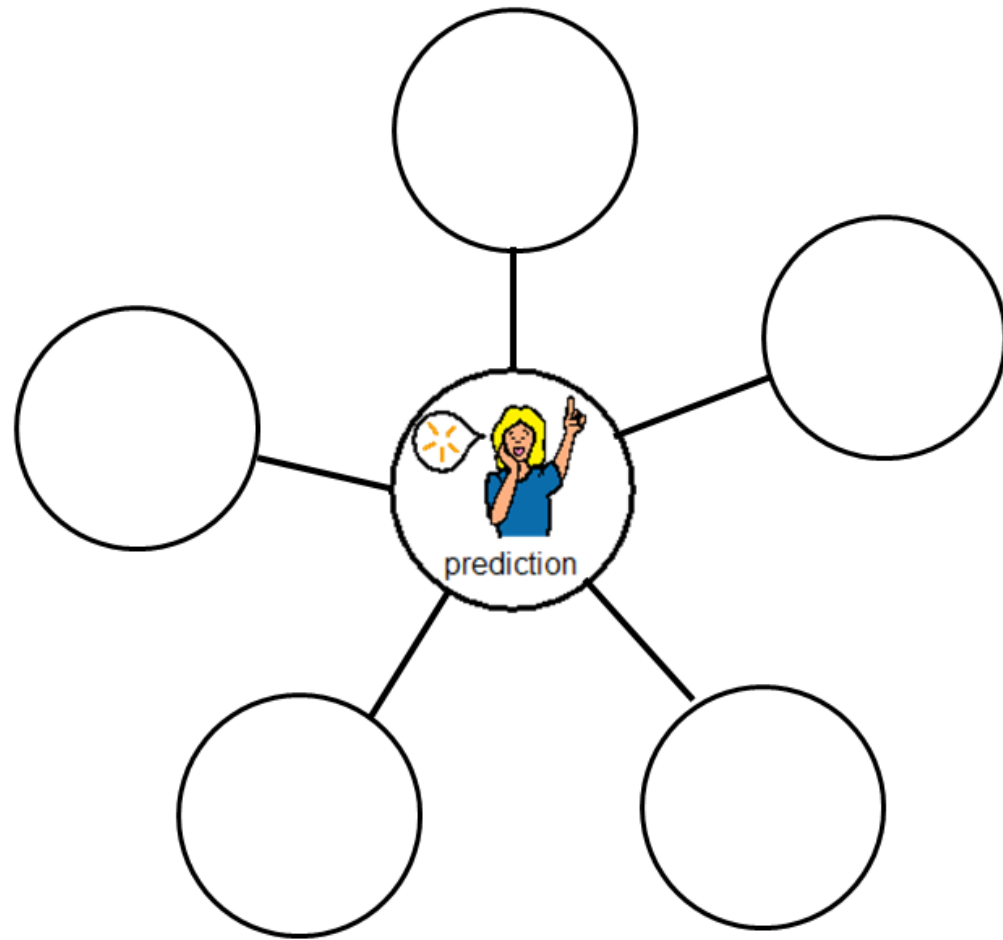


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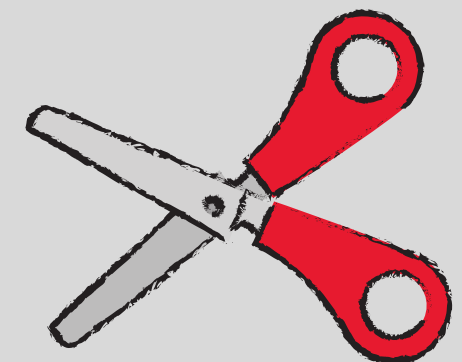
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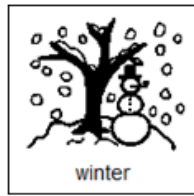
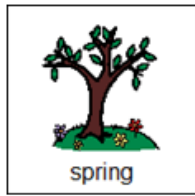
What does prediction mean?



Students will complete a word map about what prediction means. This is an errorless activity.

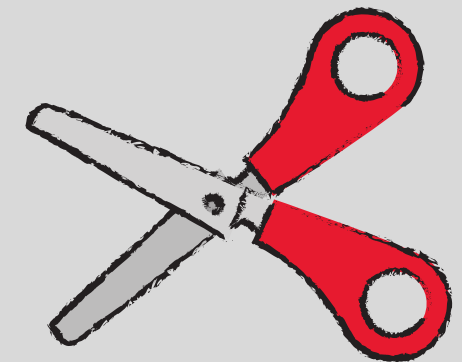


Sort the activities on the next page into whether you would likely do them in the spring or the winter.



 <p>ski</p>	 <p>snowmobile</p>	 <p>skateboard</p>	 <p>sled</p>	 <p>hike</p>
 <p>ice fishing</p>	 <p>surf</p>	 <p>build a sand castle</p>	 <p>catch lightning bugs</p>	 <p>build a snowman</p>
 <p>go on a picnic</p>	 <p>snowball fight</p>	 <p>ice skating</p>	 <p>swim</p>	 <p>baseball</p>

This is a sorting activity looking at things you do in the spring or in the winter. There are suggestions for differentiation.



If I were a groundhog



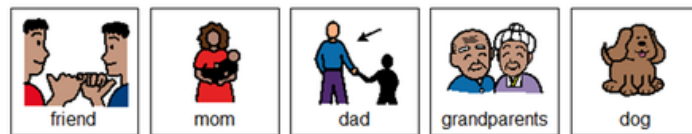
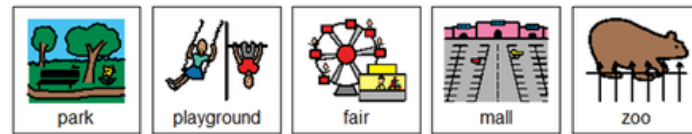
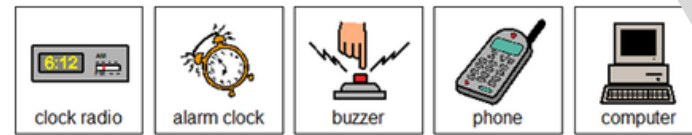
If I were a groundhog, I would to predict the weather.

First, I would set my to make sure I got up on time.

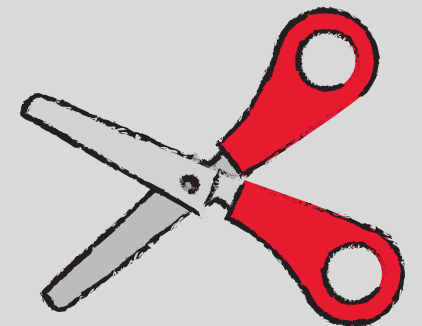
I would look at the to help me predict.

After my prediction, I would go to the .

Some years, I would ask my to help me.



Students will write a story about being a groundhog that predicts the weather. This is an errorless activity that allows students to write their own story independently.

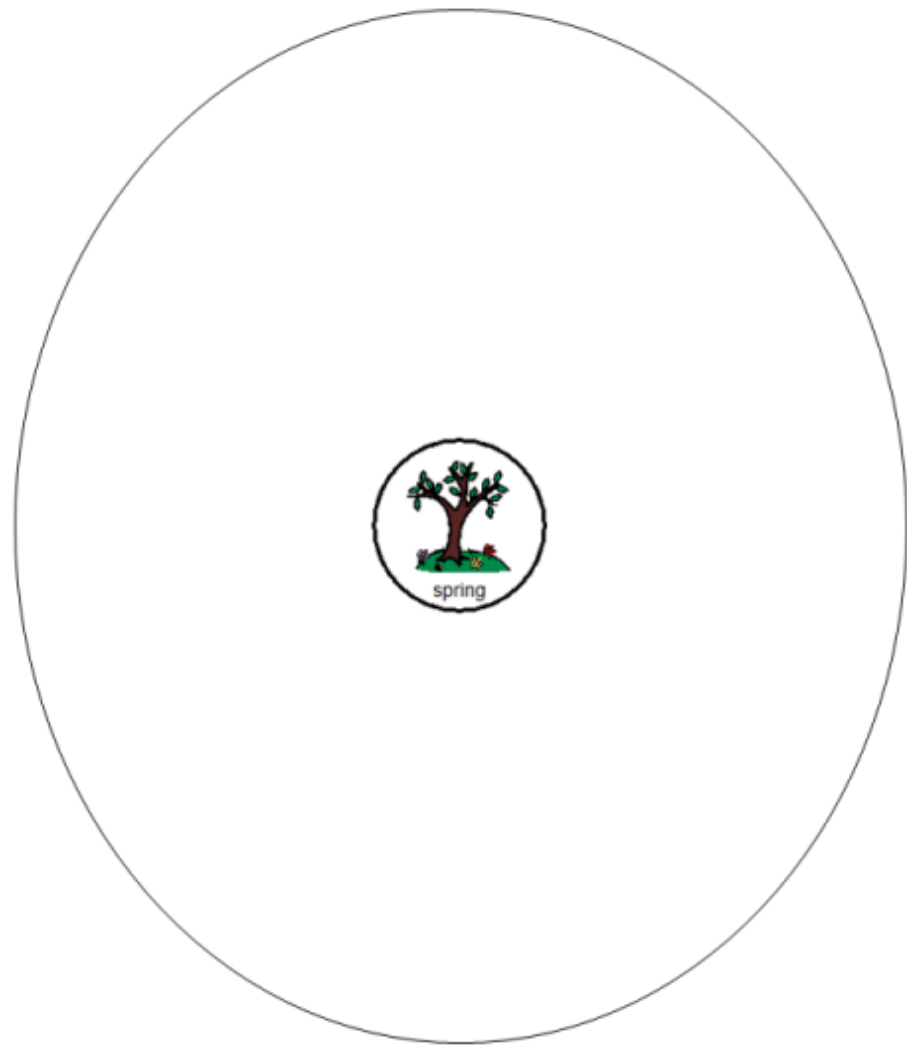


Watch the book Geoffrey the Groundhog Predicts the Weather read aloud

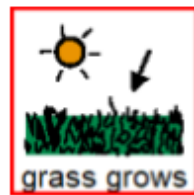
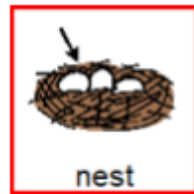
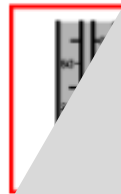
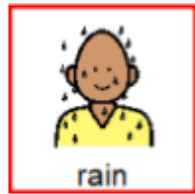


There is a video of the book read aloud. This is a video from YouTube.





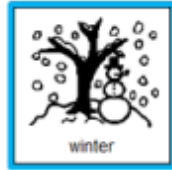
Place some of the pictures in circle map showing some signs spring is coming.



There are digital versions of the activities included. Students click and drag the answers.



spring



winter

Sort the activities below into whether you would likely do them in the spring or the winter. If you think it could be both, put it on the middle line.



ski



snowmobile



skateboard



hike



ice fishing



surf



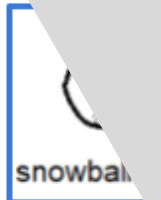
lightning bug



snowman



picnic



snowball



ice skating



swim



baseball

There are 2 sets, one that includes differentiation shown here.



I realize there will be some students out there unable to do cutting activities. I have a blog post with ways to complete activities without a pair of scissors!!

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