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SPRING READ ALOUDS



SPECIAL EDUCATION



These literacy units are something I created and started using in my classroom. I had students with significant challenges and most were **non-readers** .They were the best thing I ever did, and my students LOVED them.

SPRING

- Busy Spring Nature Wakes Up
- Lola Plants a Garden
- Spring Stinks
- The Spring Book
- The Tiny Seed
- Toad Weather
- Tops and Bottoms
- When Spring Comes

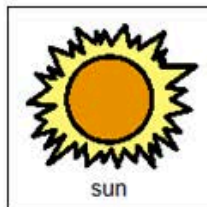
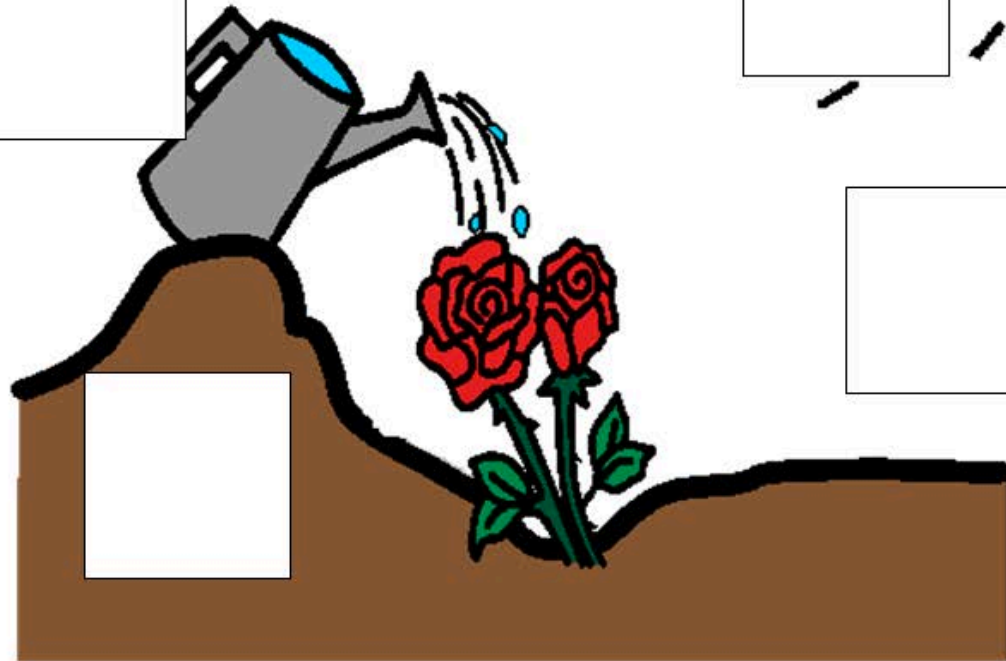
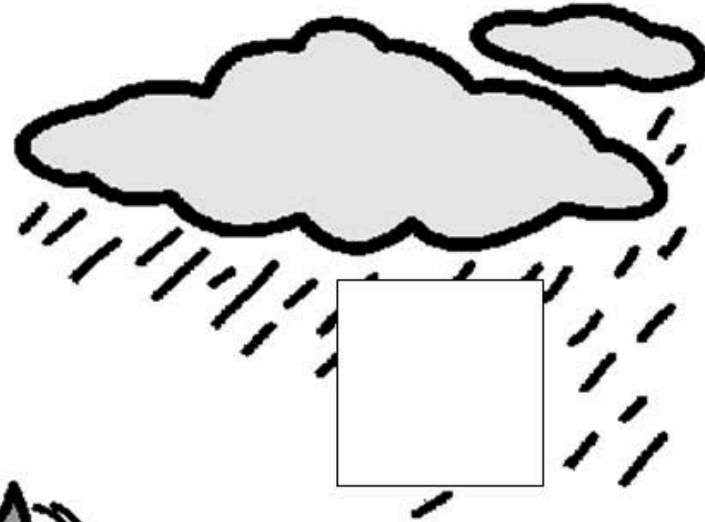
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

- Fionna's Luck
- How to Catch a Leprechaun
- Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato
- The Luckiest St. Patrick's Day Ever

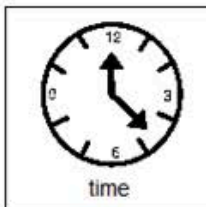
EARTH DAY

- Earth Day Birthday
- Earth Day Hooray
- My Friend Earth

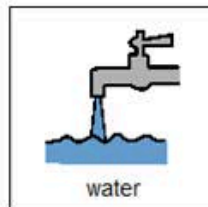
What do flowers need to grow?



sun



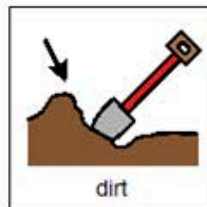
time



water



rain



dirt

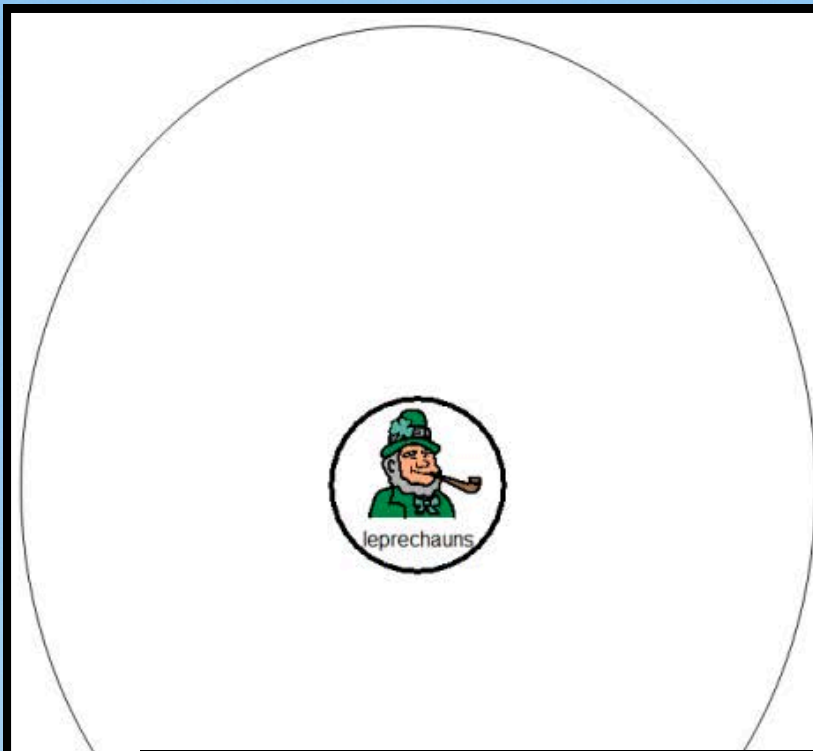
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These activities do NOT require students to understand what is being read, or are errorless.

The activities are extensions of things that happen in the book.

There are 5 activities for each book.



Place pictures in circle map showing some things about leprechauns.

St. Patrick's Day	green	magic	pot of gold
Ireland	small	tricked you	rainbow
grant a wish	hard to catch		

Each unit has digital versions of the activities that make great independent learning centers.

above ground	below ground

Some vegetables grow above ground, and some below ground. Sort the vegetables below in the correct column. If you are not sure, place it on the middle line.

potatoes	spinach	onions	corn
cabbage	beets	bell pepper	sweet potato
green beans	carrots	sweet peas	broccoli
radishes	tomato	turnip	

There are 2 sets of google slides. One is differentiated with color.





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Each unit comes with a vocabulary board.

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





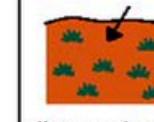





Tips on how to use in the unit!!

What do you know about toads?






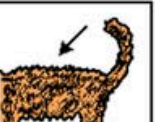
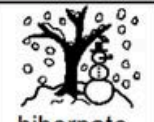






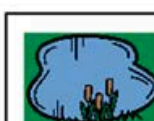



Errorless version

Place some things in the circle map about toads.

 dry skin	 warts	 hop	 born in water	 live on land
 brown skin	 hibernate in winter	 group called a knot	 eat bugs	 some are poisonous

Place the following on the previous page **ONLY IF** they are facts about toads.











 dry skin	 warts	 hop	 feathers	 live on land
 fur	 hibernate in winter	 group called a knot	 eat bugs	 ocean
 brown skin	 fly	 bark	 born in water	 some are poisonous

Circle maps are one type of activity to go with the literacy units.

Circle maps are a great way for students to see the big idea.
















Errorless option

Place pictures in the circle map showing things that come in cans.

 soda	 soup	 tuna	 green beans	 fruit cocktail
 tomatoes	 beans	 olives	 dog food	 corn



Cut out the pictures and place in the circle map on the previous page **ONLY IF** they are things that come in cans.

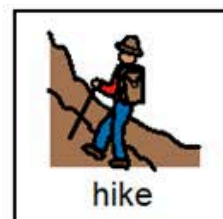
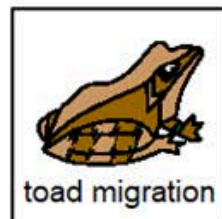
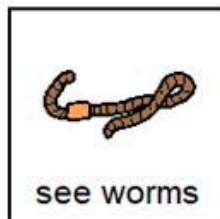
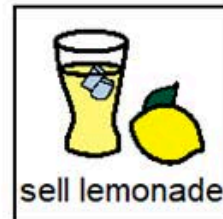
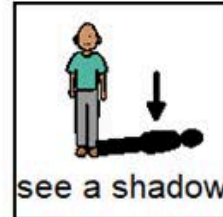
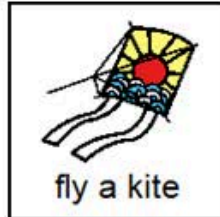
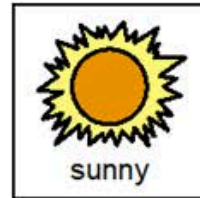
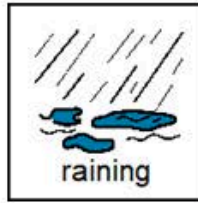
 feathers	 soup	 tuna	 green beans	 fruit cocktail
 tomatoes	 marshmallows	 olives	 dog food	 pretzels
 soda	 beans	 candy canes	 french fries	 corn

Each circle map comes with 2 choices:

An errorless option with only correct answers

An option that has wrong answers mixed in students will need to set aside.











Look at the activities and decide if it would be better to do them on a rainy or a sunny day.



Sorting activities are one type of activity to go with the literacy units.


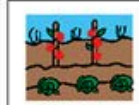



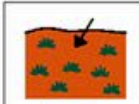




Directions on how to add differentiation are included.

Where does each animal live?

 worm	<input type="text"/>	 rabbit	<input type="text"/>
 monkey	<input type="text"/>	 fish	<input type="text"/>
 whale	<input type="text"/>	 bird	<input type="text"/>
 goat	<input type="text"/>	 reindeer	<input type="text"/>
 polar bear	<input type="text"/>	 gopher	<input type="text"/>

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Match the location with each animal that would live there.

 fields	 garden	 ocean	 jungle	 prairie
 tundra	 ice	 stream	 mountains	 sky

Answer Key

- Garden > worm
- Ocean > whale
- Monkey > jungle
- Reindeer > tundra
- Polar bear > ice
- Fish > stream
- Goat > mountain
- Bird > sky
- Prairie > gopher
- Field > rabbit

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There are matching activities for many of the read alouds.

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Spring smells like...



I spring. You can smell lots of things in spring.

Some smells are good like, .

Some smells are kind of stinky like .

Some smells remind me of .

My favorite smell in the spring is .

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love	like	don't like	hate	want
flowers	rain	honey	trees	grass
mud	worms	a skunk	wet fur	trash
home	good times	exploring	the park	friends
the rain	cut grass	the grill	campfire	a daisy

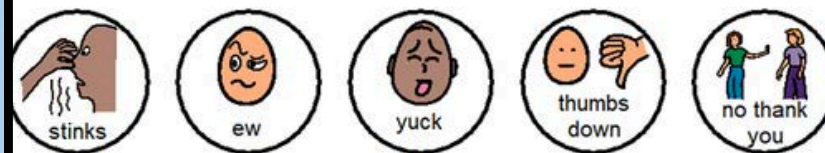
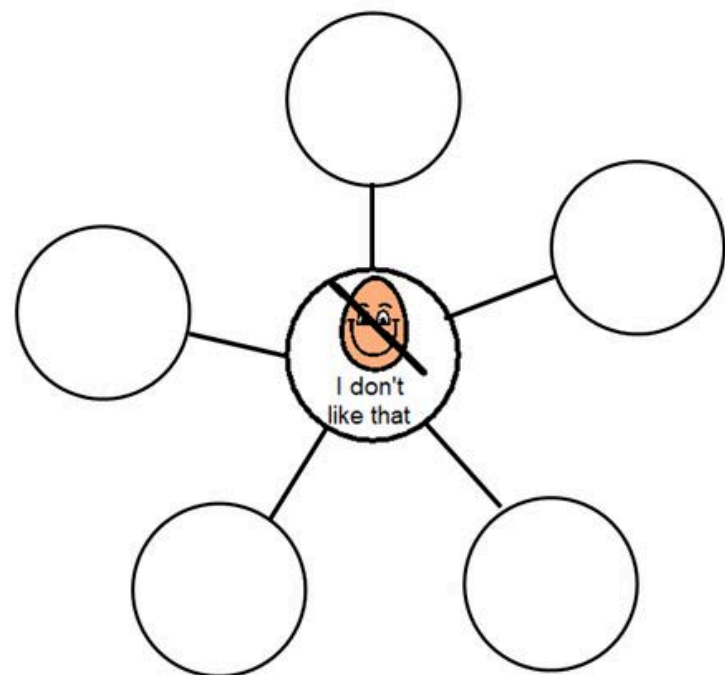
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There are writing prompts for most of the books.

Students can choose from the pictures (making this an errorless activity) or write in their own answers.



What are some ways to say you don't like something?



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Draw a line to what happens once spring comes.

Before

After



no leaves



snowman



brown grass



egg



plant



snowing



ice



dirt



melt



hatch



raining



leaves



green grass



garden



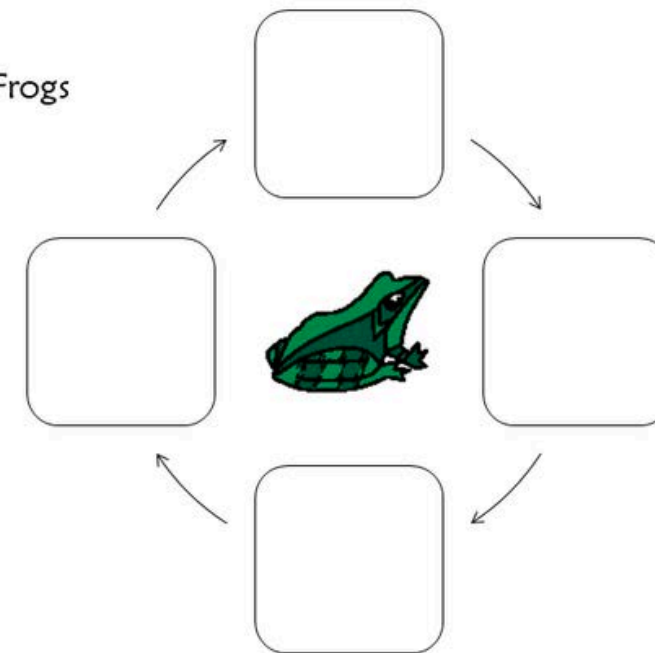
grow



mud

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Life cycle: Frogs



tadpole

froglet

adult

eggs

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Each book has at least 5 different activities that will support the text and keep students engaged for a week.



Listen to the
book Busy
Spring read
aloud

Each book has digital versions
of the activities.

There is a movie version of the
book read aloud from
YouTube.





Place pictures in circle map showing some things about leprechauns.

<p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>green</p>	<p>magic</p>	<p>pot of gold</p>
<p>Ireland</p>	<p>small</p>	<p>tricked you</p>	<p>rainbow</p>
<p>grant a wish</p>	<p>hard to catch</p>		

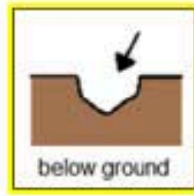
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Use for more review

The digital activities are click and drag.

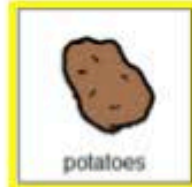


above ground



below ground

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potatoes



spinach



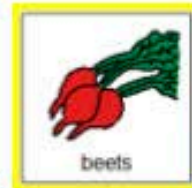
onions



corn



cabbage



beets



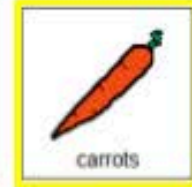
bell pepper



sweet potato



green beans



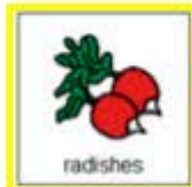
carrots



sweet peas



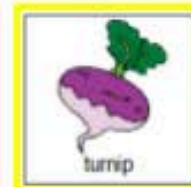
broccoli



radishes



tomato



turnip

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Each unit comes with a set of slides that are differentiated with color.

Perfect for any learning level

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I will answer your question personally and promptly.

