

Three Year Thematic Unit Plan

This theme plan gives you a very good idea of what children will be studying at different times of the year at The Meadow. Most children are with me three years and therefore, there is a three year cycle. Also thrown into the mix may be global holidays, local celebrations and natural occurrences. And every once in a while I throw in something completely new that is important to the kids so that they stay engaged and so that I keep learning!

January

We look for Human Rights topics in our author studies. Author studies are always changing, but here are some examples.

- 1) Ian Falconer, *Olivia* books
- 2) Mo Willams, *Knuffle Bunny* and *Elephant and Piggy* books
- 3) James Dean, *Pete the Cat* books

February

We look for Love everywhere, especially in the stories we hear!

- 1) Fairytales
- 2) Folktales
- 3) Narratives

March

We create things with our own hands, figuring out how to make them work: Tinkering.

- 1) Electricity
- 2) Gears
- 3) Architecture

April

We look at all Things Spring, incorporating Earth Day and Arbor Day.

- 1) Gardening
- 2) Trees
- 3) Recycling/Bees

May

We celebrate the mommas in our life and the change all around us: Metamorphosis.

- 1) Butterflies
- 2) Lady Bugs
- 3) Chickens

June/July/August Summer Camps

We enjoy the wonder that is Summer, with some old fashioned traditions of summer camp that culminate in an overnight camp out in The Meadow!

- 1) Star Gazing
- 2) Camping
- 3) Picnic

September

We look at what it means to be Peaceful, and how to make and keep friends! We celebrate Peace Day and Pirate Day! AAARRGGG!

- 1) Acts of Kindness
- 2) Making a Peaceful Place
- 3) Friendship

October

We look into things that go bump in the night as well as Halloween traditions near and far.

- 1) Owls
- 2) Bats
- 3) Spiders

November

Food, harvest celebrations and Native American Heritage are studied.

- 1) Cranberries
- 2) Pumpkins
- 3) Apples

December

Science (the Winter Solstice/movement of the Earth and Sun) and winter traditions meet.

- 1) Global Traditions
- 2) A Victorian Christmas
- 3) Family Traditions