



English Studio Verona presents...

Kids and More

The ES newsletter for educators, parents and friends of young English language learners

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Seasonal Book Suggestions

Visit your local library to see if they have books available in English. You can also order the books directly through English Studio.

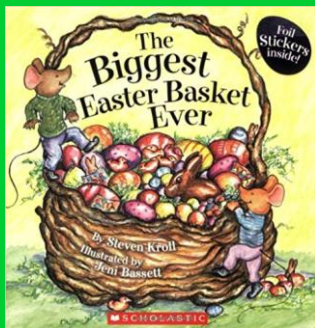


And Then It's Spring by Julie Fogliano

Following a snow-filled winter, a young boy and his dog decide that they've had enough of all that brown and resolve to plant a garden. They dig, they

plant, they play, they wait . . . and wait . . . until at last, the brown becomes a more hopeful shade of brown, a sign that spring may finally be on its way.

Age Range: 4 - 7 years



The Biggest Easter Basket Ever by Steven Kroll

As Mouseville prepares for a gala Easter celebration on the village green, complete with a biggest Easter Basket

contest, two lovable mice learn a lesson in cooperation -- and fun!

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Advice from Our Teachers

Hello readers! We are happy to present you with the new issue of "Kids and More". We hope it gives you inspiration and new creative ideas to use with the young children you educate. Every month, we will feature advice from one of our English Studio educators. In this issue, **Marilia** offers the following advice:



"Educating children is not about telling them where to go and what to do. It's about opening the doors to the world so they can see as far as where the possibilities are and decide their own destinations."

Seasonal Activities

March 17th - Saint Patrick's Day Activities

You can find lots of fun activities about this Irish holiday on busyteacher.com:

https://busyteacher.org/classroom_activities-vocabulary/holidays_and_celebrations/saint_patricks_day-worksheets/

April 1st - Easter Games

It's Easter and spring has just arrived. What better than going outdoors and letting the kids play with these Easter Party games(all in English):

<https://www.thespruce.com/kids-easter-party-games-2104432>



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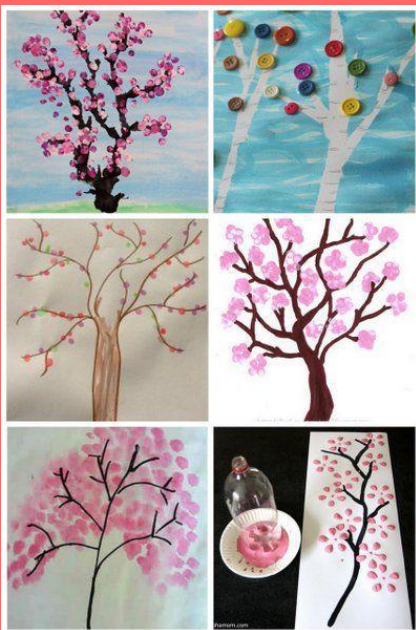
Spring Time! Cherry Blossom Festival



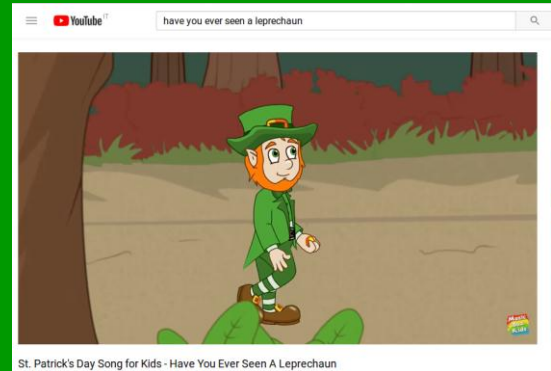
Japan is known around the world for its cherry blossom festivals. Known as *Hanami* in Japanese, cherry blossom festivals are an important custom. In fact, they are held all over Japan during the springtime.

People drink and eat, making the tradition of blossom-viewing more like a picnic under the trees. They bring home-cooked meals, make barbecue, or buy take-out food to mark the occasion.

Cherry Blossom Craft Ideas:



Sing it Out!



Have you ever seen a Leprechaun is a song to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. Kids love its harmonious and catchy rhythm. Be prepared to be asked to play it over and over.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2k-ht4IJJN4&t=16s>

TIP: Teaching a new song

Input comes before output. Your students won't sing the songs right away, and remember that the songs with a lot of new vocabulary may need some pre-teaching. You can pre-teach words by using drawings, flashcards, or even real objects.

The first time or second that you play a new song, ask the students to listen and to do the gestures with you. You can also do simple activities such as passing a ball around or playing rhythm instruments along with the music. As they do this, they'll be learning the lyrics as well.

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