

Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: changing of the seasons, nature,

Book Brief: This beautifully illustrated book follows a young child as they journey through the landscape, observing the transition from winter to spring. Through lyrical text and engaging visuals, readers experience how nature wakes up and changes as the seasons shift.

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Use RIF's [Titles Can Be Telling](#) graphic organizer before, during, and after the read aloud to make predictions about the book.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about how the colors and details change from winter to spring.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "What changes happen in nature when spring comes?"

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, look for details in the text and illustrations that show what happens when the seasons change..."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- How does the book show that winter is ending?
- What words or pictures tell us that spring is beginning?
- Have you ever noticed signs of spring outside? What do you see, hear, or feel?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: What details in the story, either text or pictures, show us what happens when the seasons change?

Extending Our Thinking:

- Take a walk outside and look for signs of spring. What do you notice?
- Draw a picture of something that changes from winter to spring (e.g., trees, animals, clothing).
- Write or dictate a sentence starting with Goodbye, Winter... Hello, Spring!

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content. Try [A Stroll Through the Seasons](#) by Kay Barnham.