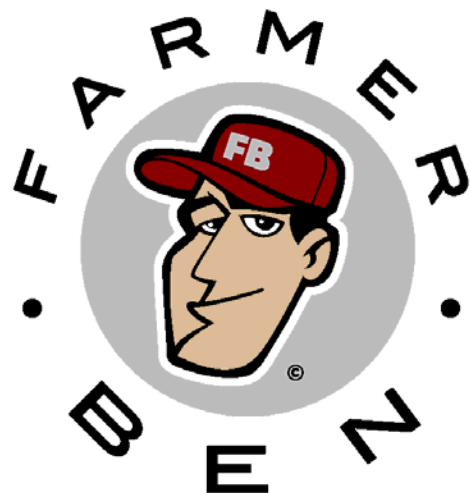


Farming for All Seasons

Children should learn about the four seasons. Illustrate and discuss how life on a farm changes from one season to the next. Highlight planting, growing, and harvesting seasons. Also note which season animals need an increased amount of care.



You will need:

Paper plates
Crayons
Hole punch
Ribbon

How to:

1. Talk with group of children about how life of the farm changes from season to season.
2. Specifically discuss plant growth and harvest, caring for livestock, and duties of the farmer.
3. Provide each child with a paper plate and crayons or colored pencils.
4. Draw 2 lines dividing the plate into 4 equal sections.
5. Write the words spring, summer, fall, and winter on the top of each section.
6. Draw and color a mini scene for each season in the appropriate quadrant.
7. On the back of the plate draw a farm scene illustrating your favorite season, animal, or farm activity.
8. Punch a hole at the top of the plate.
9. Tie a ribbon through the hole forming a hanger.

Suggested Books:

The Year at Maple Hill Farm by Alice and Martin Provensen
Harvest Years by Cris Peterson

Farmer Ben Educational Activities developed by Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom, a program of the Virginia Farm Bureau.