

My Journey Home Family Connection

Your child will listen to and explore a book called *Jump into January*. It tells about the different months and seasons in a year.

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Build Words This week your child is learning to read words with short *a*. Write the letters *a, m, s, t, c,* and *p* on slips of paper. Work with your child to build and read as many three-letter words as you can with these letters. Have your child write the words in a list.

Write the capital letters *S* and *P* on slips of paper. Ask your child to build three names using these capital letters and the other lowercase letters. (The names are *Sam, Pat, Pam.*)

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It's the Season Play a seasons game with your child. Start by saying: *In the summer, we'll go swimming. What will we need to take?* Talk about what you need to go swimming, including clothing. Take turns naming seasons and activities, asking *What will we take?* and naming what you need for each activity.

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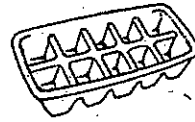
Family Calendar With your child, make a family calendar. Include birthdays, holidays, school events, seasonal events, and other special days. Your child can help write labels and decorate the calendar. Hang the calendar in a place where the whole family can use it.

Frozen Treats Make this snack with your child. Talk about what happens to the fruit juice or yogurt once you put it in the freezer.

Ice Blocks

What You Need

ice cube trays



Option 1: fruit juice



Option 2: yogurt, fruit



Directions

Option 1:

Pour fruit juice in ice cube trays. Freeze.

Option 2:

Mix yogurt and fruit. Spoon into ice cube trays. Freeze.

Recipe Options Reread the recipe. Make sure your child notices that there are two options for making ice blocks. Talk about what is the same about the two options (they both use ice cube trays and are made in the freezer) and what is different (they use different ingredients).



Book Links

- *Leaf Man*, by Lois Ehlert
- *Once Around the Sun*, by Bobbi Katz and LeUyen Pham **CHALLENGE**



Internet Challenge Talk about what the current season is like where you live. Then look at books or search the Internet with your child to see what the same season is like in different parts of the country or the world.