Guppy Group

December: The Four Seasons!

Ages 1-4
Welcome to Part 1 of your at-home Guppy Group activity! This section will be patterned after the Storytime Station at a regular Guppy Group event.

- Start by telling your Guppies that you will be reading a book together. This book is about the different clothes we wear when it’s cold or warm outside!
- After this introductory discussion, read *Froggy Gets Dressed* by Jonathan London with your Guppy. Discuss the different articles of clothing with your Guppy; ask if they have any clothes that are similar to Froggy’s! If you don’t have this book on hand, you can watch this read-along version on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjoQFMtzE4Q
- If you are able to print, the following coloring page is available for you to complete with your Guppy.
Mystery Bag!

This section will be patterned after the Mystery Bag Station at a regular Guppy Group event.

- You can use any type of bag for this activity. Look through your house to find an assortment of articles of clothing - rain boots, mittens, shorts, sunglasses, etc.
- Give your Guppy the opportunity to pull one object at a time out of the mystery bag.
- Talk about each article of clothing with your Guppy. Talk about what it is; what the weather is like outside when you wear it; and the season in which we would most likely wear it.
Art Project - Season Trees!

The third section will be patterned after the Art-Making Station at a regular Guppy Group event.

- For this art project, you will need: paper, crayons/colored pencils/markers, washable paint (optional), colored paper (optional) scissors (optional)
- First, talk with your Guppy about trees and how they change in the different seasons. Pull up pictures on the internet and show how trees can blossom in spring; be full of green leaves in summer; have orange and red leaves in the fall; and have no leaves and be covered in snow in the winter.
- Use a brown coloring utensil to create a tree trunk and to draw some branches.
- Give your Guppy the choice of which season they would like their tree to be in. Then use coloring utensils, paint, or small cut or ripped up pieces of colored paper to create the leaves. If you’re using paint, you can use a q-tip or a small brush to apply the paint. Use whichever medium you have available to create leaves or blossoms or snow. If their tree is a spring tree, for example, you can use pink and white for the blossoms. If it is a winter tree, you could use white for snow.
- See an image of an example Season Tree below!
Art Connection!

This fourth and last portion of your at-home Guppy Group activity is patterned after the Art Hunt Station of a normal Guppy Group event at the Museum.

- Begin this section by reviewing the four seasons with your Guppy. Ask which seasons you talked about today, and what each season is like. What can you do in the different seasons?
- With your Guppy, go through the following images from the Museum’s permanent collection. Work together with your Guppy to decide which season you think is represented in each artwork.

Thanks for participating! We hope you and your Guppy enjoyed learning about the Four Seasons with us! Keep an eye out for next month’s at-home Guppy Group Packet, where you can explore the theme of Emotions!
Edward Willis Redfield, *Village of Carversville*, 1937
Aaron Wayne Johnson, *Heading to Mouth of Hobble Creek Canyon*, 1931
Dennis Von Smith, *Keeper of the Gate*, 1989
John B. Fairbanks, *Springtime in Zion Canyon*, 1920

Gregory K. Olsen, *Kite Flying*, 1993
The Guppy Song!
If you’ve brought your little ones along to Guppy Group before, chances are they might remember the Guppy Group song. If you’d like to sing it together, the words are included below. Sing along to this tune:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g64qCr3Y_QU

One little Guppy
Swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water
One little Guppy
Swimming in the water
Bubble, Bubble, Bubble, Bubble
POP!

(If you remember the associated hand motions, feel free to do those as well! Make sure to clap your hands together for the POP! Carry on to the next verse for as many numbers as you’d like.)