

# Ottiya Curriculum Guide



## FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON A WHIMSICAL OTTIYA ACTIVITY BOOK

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### ABOUT THE BOOK

Learn about the four seasons with whimsical drawing and reflection activities. The book will have you thinking about spring, summer, fall, and winter with all of your five senses. At the end of the book, there's also a story about the four seasons that you can illustrate. Truly a meaningful, creative, and fun activity book for children, parents, and educators! Recommended age range: 6-9 and every kid-at-heart :)

### ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This curriculum guide was designed to provide educators and parents with ideas about how to facilitate creative storytelling with this Ottiya activity book.



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## PRE-READING ACTIVITIES

Before delving right into the pages, begin with what the kids know/are already familiar with: look at the cover of the activity book together and talk about it together. What's going on in the drawing? Why are the characters wearing different clothes? What are the four seasons? What could it mean that 'for everything there is a season'?

## WHILE READING

This activity book has three distinct sections. The first section explores each of the four seasons separately by encouraging reflection with the five senses, drawing, and writing. The second section brings all of the four seasons together and the number of months in the year with shapes. The last section brings everything together with a story about the four seasons that children can draw illustrations for.

### ● SECTION 1

Materials needed: pencil crayons, pencil, and an eraser. Reflect on the four seasons using the various prompts on the pages. Try to make it even more engaging by going outdoors or by using some of the video resources that are mentioned at the end of this guide.

### ● SECTION 2

Materials needed: add scissors and glue to the materials needed for section 1. Delve deeper into the four seasons by introducing months. The introduction of shapes to represent the months of each season can also be used to introduce basic math concepts.

### ● SECTION 3

Materials needed: pencil crayons, a pencil, and an eraser. Now, let's put all of that knowledge about the four seasons to some good use. In this section, kids will become an illustrator for a picture-less story. What will the characters look like? What do you want them to be like? Encourage them to use their imagination and create the different scenes and characters

\* Scan your completed story and send it to [hello@ottiya.com](mailto:hello@ottiya.com) to have a chance to be featured/published on our website!



## SOME ADDITIONAL IDEAS

- **MIX IT UP:** Don't feel obligated to start from the beginning of the book. For example, if you're going through the book at the start of summer, you might skip spring and begin with the 'summer section'. If your child is intrigued by the arts activity with shapes on page 32, start from there! Give your child the opportunity to choose and allow your child to be a co-facilitator of creative learning.
- **MAKE IT A FAMILY BOOK:** Fill out the pages together as a family. What does spring look like for mom? What is your family's favorite memory from spring break? Use this activity book to document your favorite things about the four seasons as a family.
- **USE IT IN THE CLASSROOM:** If you're a teacher, you can use our activity books to facilitate interdisciplinary learning in a unit about the four seasons. The activities in the book weave together reflection, drawing, writing, creative storytelling, math, and so much more. They will inspire you to take your classroom activities to the next level.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC + SOUNDS RELATED TO THE FOUR SEASONS:** Search "Ottiya TV" on YouTube and check out our playlists for the different seasons (i.e. spring, summer, fall, winter)!

Are you having fun with the activity book? Share your learning with others with the hashtag #ottiyalearns Tag Ottiya in your post to be featured and/or retweeted!

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