

EARLY CHILDHOOD

MINISTRY RESOURCES



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For Participants in LEA's Early Childhood Network

Constantly saying no to young students trying to access things around the classroom? It may be time to rethink how your room is designed. Learn more at [Creating a Yes Environment in Early Childhood Classrooms](#). (Sarah Fritz in *Edutopia*)

Have you ever tried gardening with children? If you have not, you certainly should! Planting and cultivating a garden with the children in your care is a fun and engaging activity. [Gardening with Children](#) promotes their understanding of scientific concepts and encourages them to develop healthy eating habits. (*Care Courses Blog*)



Looking for a book to use in your classroom/center? This week, LEA highlights:

When Spring Comes

By Kevin Henkes (past Caldecott illustrator & Newberry author)

Illustrated by Laura Dronzek

Harper Collins Publisher

2016

Spring often starts with sticks on trees, brown grass, and snow-covered fields. By waiting a brief period, one will often experience quite a change in these conditions. This book emphasizes the sensory changes in these seasonal changes as the author and illustrator use vivid sensory descriptions, striking imagery, along with written alliterations and word repetition. An enjoyable book for use with spring and Easter themes.

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