

Splish, Splash, Spring

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From sudden rain showers, to flowers blooming, to baby birds hatching, this book is full of spring fun.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *Seeing birds and their babies is a sign that spring has arrived. This book tells us all about spring.* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder if these kids are on their way to school?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations and ask questions. Point out the rhyming words as well as the "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words in *Splish, Splash, Spring*

- sprout: to develop and emerge
- slugs: a slow-moving creature that looks like a snail
- crocus: a small spring flower
- plucky: determined and courageous
- boughs: a large main branch of a tree
- posies: a spring flower

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- It is usually too cold to play outside during the winter, so everyone looks forward to spring because then you can go outside to play. What do you like to do when you go outside?
- How many worms do you think a baby bird can eat at one time?
- Crocus and daffodils are spring flowers. Can you think of any others?
- Has anyone ever flown a kite? Do you think it is hard or easy?
- If you hear thunder, does that mean it will rain?
- Can you name two animals that live in the snow?

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Rhyme Time

Ask children to identify the rhyming words in this story. For example, you might say:

Spring is sloppy, so raindroppy... Do you hear any words that rhyme? Pause for a bit and then read it again... Spring is sloppy, so raindroppy. Which words rhyme? Continue through the book asking if they hear the words that rhyme.

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