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Children's Bilingual Picture Books

Activity Guide #1

The Solomon Raven Series / La serie del cuervo Salomón

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Based on books in the seasonal series including:
A Home for Pearl Squirrel: A Solomon Raven Story /
Una casa para la ardilla Perla: Un cuento del cuervo Salomón

Lewis Cardinal's First Winter: A Solomon Raven Story /
El primer invierno de Luis, el cardenal: Un cuento del cuervo Salomón

Cinnamon & the April Shower— A Solomon Raven Story
Canela y el aguacero de abril—Un cuento del cuervo Salomón

Mason Moves Away: A Solomon Raven Story
Mason se muda: Un cuento del cuervo Salomón

Subjects
Science
Geography
Language Arts

Brief Description
In this activity, children learn about the change of seasons. The setting of the Northwoods provides opportunities for map work/geography lessons plus animal identification. Solar system work may be incorporated.

Objectives
- Increase reading comprehension
- Understanding of the Earth's seasons, planetary movement and Solar System investigation
- Correctly identify locations on a map or globe
- Learn to identify animal species and locate animal habitats

Key Words
Seasons, Earth's rotation, Northwoods animals and their habitat

Grade Level(s)
K-4

Materials Needed
Map and/or globe
Writing materials
Drawing materials

Activities

Q. Name the four seasons.
A. Summer, autumn (fall), winter, spring

Q. What does Solomon's tree look like in the summer? Spring? Fall? Winter? Draw a picture of Solomon in each season's tree.
A. Solomon lives in a hickory tree: bare limbs in winter, green leaf buds in spring, full leaves in summer, rust colored leaves and hickory nuts in autumn.

Q. What does Lewis Cardinal's tree look like in the summer? Spring? Fall? Winter? Draw a picture of Lewis in each season's tree.
A. Lewis lives in an evergreen tree. The tree should look the same in each season, except it may be snow-covered in winter.

Q. How does the Northwoods in the Solomon Raven series look in the winter? *(Lewis Cardinal's First Winter / El primer invierno de Luis, el cardenal)*
A. Snow-covered landscape and bare tree limbs except on evergreen trees.

Q. In the spring? *(Cinnamon & the April Shower / Canela y el aguacero de abril)*
A. Trees will be in bud and spring flowers will be sprouting.

Q. In the summer? *(Mason Moves Away / Mason se muda)*
A. Trees and flowers will be in full bloom.

Q. In the fall? *(A Home for Pearl Squirrel / Una casa para la ardilla Perla*)
A. Trees will be multi-colored and falling to the ground. Different flowers will be in bloom.

Q. What Northwoods animals are pictured in the autumn story *A Home for Pearl Squirrel / Una casa para la ardilla Perla?*
A. Squirrels, deer, rabbits, porcupine, raven, skunk, beaver

Q. What Northwoods animals are mentioned or pictured in the spring story *Cinnamon & the April Shower / Canela y el aguacero de abril?*
A. Bears, cardinals, robins, raven, squirrels, skunks, frog, fish, worms

Q. What Northwoods animals are mentioned or pictured in the winter story *Lewis Cardinal's First Winter / El primer invierno de Luis, el cardenal?*
A. Bears, cardinals, robins, raven, squirrels, rabbits, frog, fish, badger

Q. What Northwoods animals are mentioned or pictured in the summer story *Mason Moves Away / Mason se muda*?

A. Rabbits, butterflies, beaver, raven, bears, fish, squirrels, robins, porcupine, cardinal, deer, badger, skunk, ducks

Q. In which season do the forest family's new babies appear in the Solomon Raven series?

A. Spring *(Cinnamon & the April Shower / Canela y el aguacero de abril)*

Q. Are the seasons different in different parts of the world?

A. Yes, When the Northern Hemisphere is having winter, the Southern Hemisphere is having summer. When it is winter in the Southern Hemisphere, it is summer in the Northern Hemisphere.

Q. If you live in the Northern Hemisphere, where is it coldest? Warmest?

A. It is warmest near the equator. It is colder the farther away from the equator you move. The North Pole is very cold.

Q. If you live in the Southern Hemisphere, where is it coldest? Warmest?

A. It is warmest near the equator. It is colder the farther away from the equator you move. The South Pole is very cold.

Q. Why do the seasons change? (Choose a, b or c)

a) The Earth is closer to the sun in summer.

b) The tilt of the Earth's axis

c) Both a and b.

A. B. When the Earth moves around the Sun, some parts of the Earth get more light than other parts. The Sun's light (and heat) hits different parts of the Earth at different times. Sometimes the Northern Hemisphere will get more light and be warmer. In time, as the Earth keeps moving around the Sun, the Southern Hemisphere will be warmer.

Q. During which season does the Sun hit the Earth at the most direct angle?

A. Summer

Q. During which season are the days the shortest?

A. Winter

Q. What is your favorite season? Why?

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