

In this unit, students will be introduced to the concepts of weather and the seasons, and how they can differ depending on where one lives.

### What's the story?

Students will learn about the **weather** and the **four seasons**. They will explore the **weather patterns** related to each season and region, and how weather **affects our daily lives**.

### What will my student learn?

Students will learn about the **concepts** related to weather. They will learn to **log** their **observations, recordings, and predictions** about the weather through a Weather Diary.

They will focus on using **details** in their writing to **describe key concepts** from their reading. Students will also **identify important characteristics** of the seasons through **direct observation** and **hands-on activities**, and will put together a **weather report** as a culminating activity to show what they have learned.

### Conversation starters

Ask your student questions about the unit to promote discussion and continued learning:

1. What are the four seasons you have been learning about?  
**Follow up:** What season is your favorite? What season is it right now?
2. What does the word *frigid* mean?  
**Follow up:** What season would you be describing if you were talking about frigid weather? What are some things that can happen because of frigid weather?
3. What are some of the changes that happen from winter to spring?  
**Follow up:** Can you name the months of spring? Why is spring an important time for life on a farm?
4. What do thermometers do?  
**Follow up:** When it is hot outside, what does the liquid in a thermometer do? (It gets closer to the top, or the line gets longer.) How is the way you dress in hot weather different from the way you dress in cold weather? How do the things you do change when the weather is hot compared to when the weather is cold?
5. Can you draw a picture of the seasons you learned about?  
**Follow up:** Can you put those pictures in the order in which those seasons occur? Tell me a characteristic of each season as you are placing them in order.