

The Countdown to Spring 2015 Calendar

Sunday	March 1	Can you find frozen water? On the ground? Forming icicles?
Monday	March 2	Mondays can be hard, especially at this time of year. Draw a picture of how you are feeling, take a picture and post it.
Tuesday	March 3	Is there snow on the ground? Can you find animal tracks?
Wednesday	March 4	Water is always around us. Look up. Can you see water in the sky? Or is the sky totally blue?
Thursday	March 5	The days are starting to get longer. What shadows are cast late in the afternoon?
Friday	March 6	You never know what kind of weather we'll have in March. Are you wearing a coat or jacket; scarf, hat or earmuffs to go outside today?
Saturday	March 7	In wet spots near streams and in swampy areas there is a plant that has an unusual chemistry. It actually can get warm from its own use of the food it made and stored last summer. In late winter and early spring, it can melt its way through the frozen ground. Once it comes up it flowers. Its unusual smell gives it its name: the skunk cabbage. What do you smell outside today?
Sunday	March 8	Melting snow and rain can swell rivers and streams and flow in the streets. Can you find running water outside?
Monday	March 9	March is often Mud Month. Have you made anything out of mud or seen footprints or shapes in the mud?
Tuesday	March 10	In the daytime, some birds are starting to get ready for spring by singing to attract mates and to warn others away from their territories. Black-capped Chickadees and Northern Cardinals are two of the first to sing on sunny days in late winter. What birds do you see and hear outside?
Wednesday	March 11	You never know what kind of weather we'll have in March. What are you wearing on your feet outside today? Boots? Shoes? Flip flops?
Thursday	March 12	Can you hear spring peepers? What do you imagine a spring peeper looks like? Draw an image, take a picture and post it.
Friday	March 13	As winter ends, buds that were formed on trees and shrubs in late summer begin to swell. What do you see on the twigs of trees and bushes? Our red maples are the first trees to show signs of budding.
Saturday	March 14	The first day of spring is less than a week away. Are neighbors cleaning their yards and walkways or out taking a stroll?
Sunday	March 15	Many animals are active in late winter. Can you find evidence of animal activity? A tuft of fur? Empty seeds? A new nest?
Monday	March 16	Can you find any flowers or plants starting to grow outside?
Tuesday	March 17	Spring shows us many shades of green – pale, tender, yellowy, mellow, and vibrant. What is one of your favorite shades of green today?
Wednesday	March 18	Wind is produced by the uneven heating of the earth's surface by the sun. As the sun warms the Earth's surface, the atmosphere above it warms too. The warm air rises and then colder, heavier air rushes across the surface to replace it. You can't see wind, but what can you see moving in the wind?
Thursday	March 19	What shadows are cast late in the afternoon today? How are they different from the pictures from March 5?
Friday	March 20	The first day of spring! Are you excited? Disappointed? Hopeful? Draw a picture of your feelings, take a picture and post it.