

The Countdown to Spring 2015 Calendar

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| 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. |