

Early Elementary Must-Haves for December

Day 1

The Four Seasons

Have students explain why seasons change and name characteristics of winter, spring, summer, and fall.

- **Changing Seasons video**
- Bubble Web graphic
- Four Seasons handout

Day 2

What Season Are We In?

Have students illustrate a season using Britannica Fundamentals: Create and explain their artwork using seasonal vocabulary.

- Discovering Seasons and Weather article
- Britannica Fundamentals:
 Create

Day 3

Winter Wonders

Have students describe winter and behaviors of people, plants, and animals during winter using key vocabulary words.

- Winter article
- Winter Match-Up handout

Day 4

Springtime

Have students describe spring weather and how to plant a seed.

- Spring article
- Spring Match-Up handout

Day 5

Super Summer

Have students describe summer and observe and record local weather conditions

- **Summer article**
- Weather Calendar handout

Day 6

Fall Fun

Have students describe fall using key vocabulary from an informational text.

- Fall article
- Fall Match-Up handout

Day 7

Season Jigsaw

Have students illustrate typical activities for each season, fit them together in a jigsaw puzzle, and describe their artwork using seasonal details.

- Season article
- Jigsaw graphic organizer

Day 8

What's the Weather Today?

Have students draw an image of the weather using Britannica Fundamentals: Create and describe the local weather!

Britannica Fundamentals:
Create

Day 9

Storm Types

Have students identify different storm types, explain their characteristics, and demonstrate how to stay safe in severe weather.

- Storm article
- Storm Types handout
- Word Categories instructional strategy

Day 10

Snowy Day Activity

Have students explain how snow forms and use key vocabulary words to describe a snowy day.

- Snow article
- Bubble Web graphic organizer
- Think-Pair-Share instructional strategy

Day 11

Blurry Blizzards

Have students explain what blizzards are using key phrases from an informational text.

- **Blizzard article**
- Blizzard Trivia
- Draw It, Write It instructional strategy

Day 12

Hurricanes

Have students describe hurricane features using key vocabulary from the informational text.

- Hurricane article
- KWL graphic organizer

Day 13

Tornadoes

Have students identify and describe tornado features using key vocabulary from the informational text.

- Tornado article
- **KWL** graphic organizer

Day 14

Hurricanes and Tornadoes

Have students compare hurricanes and tornadoes.

- Hurricane article
- Tornado article
- 2-Circle Venn Diagram graphic organizer

Day 15

Picture Glossary

Have students create visual representations of new weather vocabulary.

Picture Glossary instructional strategy



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