S is for Spring

Books We Shared:
- B is for Bunny by Tanya Lee Stone
- Carrot Soup by John Segal
- Hurray for Spring by Patricia Hubbell
- Spring Thaw by Steven Schnur

Other Books You Might Enjoy Sharing:
- Kitten's Spring by Eugenie Fernandes
- Skunk's Spring Surprise by Leslea Newman
- Wake Up, It's Spring! by Lisa Campbell Ernst
- A Bunny For All Seasons by Janet Schulman
- Splish, Splash, Spring by Jan Carr
- Mud Flat Spring by James Stevenson
- North Country Spring by Reeve Lindbergh
- Hopper Hunts for Spring by Marcus Pfister
- Spring by Nuria Roca
- Mouse's First Spring by Lauren Thompson
- Clifford's Spring Clean-up by Norman Bridwell
- Spring: Signs of the Season by Valerie S Gerard
- Oh Yes! Oh Yes! It's Springtime! By Susan Ring

Early Literacy Activities:
- Help your child think of words that rhyme with spring. Some words that would work are: ring, fling, sing, swing, wing, and king. Make up silly rhymes that use these words.
- On three cards, draw simple weather pictures: bright yellow sun, dark grey clouds and raindrops, a snowman and snowflakes. Prepare three piles of clothing to match these weather conditions (either actual clothes or pictures): a bathing suit and sunglasses, an umbrella and boots, mittens hat and scarf. Show your child one of the weather pictures and discuss. Then your child to choose the right clothes for that kind of weather. If you decided to get out actual clothing, help your child dress up in these items and act out appropriate weather related activities.
- Learn the names of the flowers and other plants in your yard, at the park, in your neighborhood. Learning these names is a great way to expand your child's vocabulary!
- Look outside for spring flowers starting to bloom with your child. Count them by shape, by color, by size. Noticing these differences helps in learning the different shapes of letters and numbers.
Songs and fingerplays to share:

Cheer up!
The robin came and sang cheer-up, cheer-up, cheer-up
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The robin came and sang cheer-up, cheer-up, cheer-up
Spring is here spring is in the air!

Spring
Spring is here, Spring is here
Winter days are past
Little flowers raise their heads (Lift head high)
Snow is gone at last!
See the trees all in green
Dressed up just for spring
See the robins fly about (Gently flap hands)
Listen to them sing!

Spring Colors
See the yellow sun up in the sky
See the bluebird flying by
See the green grass under my feet
See the red flowers that smell so sweet
See the brown tree that grows straight and tall
See the pink blossoms just starting to fall
See the orange caterpillar so soon to be
A white butterfly for the spring world to see!

The Big Round Sun
The big round sun in a springtime sky
(Form a large circle with arms)
Winked at a cloud that was passing by
(Wink eye)
The Little cloud laughed as it scattered rain
(Flutter fingers downward)
Then out came the big round sun again!
(Form a large circle with arms again)
What the Robin Told
The wind told the grasses
(Flutter your fingers to look like grass)
And the grasses told the trees
(Stand your arms up to look like a tree)
The trees told the bushes
(Make a fist to look like a bush)
And the bushes told the bees
The bees told the robin
(Flap like a bird)
And the robin sang out clear
¡Wake up! Wake up! Spring is here! ò

Happy Spring

**Most ideas in this handout were borrowed from The Perry Public Library website: http://www.perrypubliclibrary.org/Kids/Programs/storytime_themes.htm**
The Alphabet Song

a-b-c-d-e-f-g
h-i-j-k-lmnop
q-r-s
t-u-v
w-x
y and z

Now I know my ABCs

Next time won't you sing with me.
It's Spring!