

Family Activity:

Observing signs of spring

The equinox signals equal daytime and nighttime.
The first day of winter brings the longest night and shortest day and first day of summer brings the longest day and shortest night.

Insert the correct symbol below to make a true statement about the first day of each season.

Use these symbols:

= equals

< less than

> greater than



On the first day of spring (spring equinox),

DAY _____ NIGHT

On the first day of summer (summer solstice),

DAY _____ NIGHT



On the first day of fall (fall equinox),

DAY _____ NIGHT

On the first day of winter (winter solstice),

DAY _____ NIGHT



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Take a ruler or measuring tape outside to your yard or local park to search for some signs of spring. What do you find?

Make a list of what you find and measure the things that you can! Can you find something that is 1 inch, 4 inches or 8 inches long?

1 inch long: _____

4 inches long: _____

8 inches long: _____

Now, how many different things can you find that are the same length? Were there any signs of spring that you found that could not be measured with a ruler or measuring tape?

For even more springtime fun, head outside after dark and try to locate Leo, a spring constellation. You can research it online or see the shape of the constellation on the attached coloring sheet.

Can you draw your own Leo constellation?

