

SOUNDSIDE LEARNING THIS WEEK ON CORE SOUND



COMING UP AT CORE SOUND...

- **April 6:** Core Sound Run @ 9 AM
- **April 9:** Community Night ... *Hometown Teams* @ 6-7 PM
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Sound Reading Material For You and Your Child



A Little Book About Spring

By Leo Lionni

Spring is a time of budding trees, chirping birds, and croaking frogs. Discover these and more wonders of spring in this delightful board book inspired by the works of a legendary children's book author-illustrator.

With sturdy pages and colorful collage-style artwork, this spring-themed book is perfect for an introduction to spring.

Pages: 28
Grades: PreK

Know Your R's

When I was a little girl, Daddy taught boat safety and navigation rules. Once when I was about 8 years old, he pretended to have a broken leg (complete with moaning and groaning from his seated position in our boat's stern) and challenged me to get us home in one piece from the bay. Even though I was nervous, I was able to steer to our boat basin and dock the boat without a problem because of the many early lessons Daddy both verbalized and modeled for me. Here's one of my most vivid memories leading up to my "test drive" home.

Our boat jumped up and down beneath us as I sat in my father's lap, soaking in every word he said in my ear. We were on our way to the Cape, and I asked him why some buoys were red and some green. Daddy loved to teach, so with a smile he explained, "Those buoys and markers help captains like us find our way safely through the water." Pointing to a red buoy in the distance, he explained the rule of "red right returning."

I learned that day that when heading back to the Island, we keep the red buoys on our right side. "It's like following the signs on the road, but for boats," he expounded. As we continued, I remember being comforted by the simplicity and importance of this rule. After repeating the rule correctly to my dad, he nodded with pride confirming, "Exactly! Following these rules ensures that everyone can enjoy boating without accidents."

As we approached the shore, I felt a sense of accomplishment knowing that I had learned something new and valuable from my dad. The rule of "red right returning" wasn't just about navigation; it was about responsibility and respect for the water that surrounded me. As we anchored in the Hook, I repeated "red right returning" over and over so I could practice it on our return home. And that's exactly what I did.



*Red, Right,
Returning*

April Blooms

From our sandy shores to our marshy wetlands, each habitat harbors a distinct collection of flora, adapted to thrive in its unique environment. One of the most iconic plants along our coast is the Atlantic white cedar. These majestic conifers dominate the wetlands and swamps, their feathery foliage providing homes for wildlife, from nesting birds to amphibians.

Moving inland, the longleaf pine reigns supreme, with its towering trunks and tufted needles defining the landscape. In the brush of these pines, native grasses like wiregrass and bluestem carpet the ground, their wiry stems swaying in the breeze. These grasses are not only aesthetically pleasing but also play a crucial role in stabilizing soil and providing food and shelter for wildlife. Venturing closer to our coast, salt marshes fringe the shoreline, teeming with life. Here, marsh grasses like smooth cordgrass and black needlerush form dense clusters, their roots anchoring the muddy substrate and trapping sediments to create vital habitat for fish and shellfish.

Along our beaches, dunes come alive with a tapestry of plants specially adapted to thrive in the harsh coastal conditions. Sea oats, with their graceful seed heads, play a crucial role in stabilizing dunes and preventing erosion. From our marshes to our shores, Down East boasts a rich heritage, shaped by the interplay of climate, geology, and ecology. As spring awakens landscapes, these plants burst into a riot of color, reminding us of the resilience and beauty of nature.

Spoken Wisdom

Recently I was speaking with a dear friend about my excitement for spring planting. She shared with me a piece of wisdom her late grandmother, Dorothy Willis Guthrie, used to repeat every spring. Miss Dorothy would say, "There's no need to plant anything before April 15th because March borrows 15 days of April." So, I guess I need to be patient for another couple of weeks!



Dorothy Willis Guthrie

SCIENCE for YOU

Going on a Spring Hunt

Spring is here, so find it with this fun scavenger hunt! Build your child's observational skills and teach collaboration while enjoying outdoors. Scavenger hunts enhance language and communication skills, problem-solving skills, and social-emotional intelligence.

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