

# The Turning of the Year

Sledding, splashing, catching fireflies, picking pumpkins – from January to December, each month brings a new adventure. Which one is your favorite?

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The change of seasons.....it's what South Dakota is famous for! Each page in this book gives your child a sharp description through word and illustration of what each season looks and feels like. When you look at the first page you can ask your child if they have a hat or scarf like the kids do. Talk about whether you've ever built a snowman together and what you used to dress him/her. What does the snow feel like and why do we need to wear gloves in the winter? What color are the mittens?

Each season is described with words you may not use in your every-day vocabulary....."noontime sun", "splash through puddles recklessly", "ripening wild plum". Talk to your child about what these descriptive words mean so that the story becomes even more colorful.

In the story, you can talk to your child about making some of the things you see or read about....a snowman, a sandwich, caramel apples, lemonade. This is a way your child can really relate to the story and be like the kids in the story! Have fun!!!