

*The artwork of the Nebraska State Capitol can be used to teach Nebraska Department of Education Kindergarten Social Studies Standards. Physical Systems SS 0.3.3.b. Identify the four seasons.*

# The Nebraska State Capitol and the Four Seasons

Artists use colors, flowers, plants and clothes to represent the seasons.

Capitol artist Hildreth Meiere, a mosaicist, created artwork showing the seasons in the Vestibule of the Capitol.



The State Capitol's Vestibule dome has pictures of agriculture and nature in Nebraska.

In the center is a large gold tile sun and around it are symbols of the seasons.

The large vertical pictures in the circle have female figures dressed in clothes to show the seasons.



In this picture of SPRING there are flowers at the figures feet. The flowers look like tulips that grow in Spring.

Spring is when the earth warms up after winter, the figure doesn't need a cloak to keep warm but has a scarf that looks like flowers.



In this picture of SUMMER there are flowers like poppies and daisies that grow in summer at the figure's feet.

In summer the sun shines bright and hot. The figure holds a cloak over her head for shade.



In this picture of AUTUMN the figure holds a basket of apples, plums and pears. Grains, fruits and vegetables are harvested in the Autumn. Pumpkins, squash and a bundle of grain are at her feet.

The figure has a cloak, but it is open because there are still warm days in autumn, so she wears a hat to keep warm.



In this picture of WINTER there is snow at the figure's feet and small black trees. Trees lose their leaves in winter.

Winter has a cloak around her. She has her hood on and is trying to keep warm.

Draw a line from the season's name to the picture of the season.



Winter

Spring



Summer

Autumn



# Colors of the Seasons



Blue is the color of the sky in spring. White flowers are the color of spring clouds. New plants in spring are light green.



Plants in summer are dark green. The sun makes the soil dusty brown and shadows of the sun are black. Her hair is red like the hot sun.



Trees leaves turn pink and red in Autumn.



Gray and light blue are the colors of the winter sky. Her hair is white like snow.



# Vocabulary

Agriculture - (ag ri kul chur) farming, growing crops, raising farm animals

Cloak - (klok) a loose cloth covering for a person

Dome - (dom) a ceiling that looks like the inside of a hollow ball cut in half

Figure - (fig yur) a drawing of a person or thing

Harvest - (har vist) to gather agricultural crops

Mosaic - (mo za ik) picture made with small pieces of stone, glass, paper or other material

Mosaicist - (mo za a sist) an artist who makes mosaics

Vertical - (vur ti kull) up and down, taller top to bottom than side to side

Vestibule - (ves ta byool) an entrance room of a building