

To celebrate the birth of a new season, that glorious reawakening of life, the kids will wake up to a spring table covered with flower party goods, stuffed bunnies, pots of spring flowers, and lots of spring gifts to open. After breakfast, all of us will enjoy the spring gifts by reading *Brombly Hedge Spring* (all the Brombly Hedge seasonal books are delightful favorites of ours) available from Chinaberry (800-776-2242).

Next we will play the most adorable game I have ever seen: Peter Rabbit, available from Pastimes (800-621-6020), in which we will shake dice in flower pots, collect blackberries in baskets, and try to stay away from Mr. McGregor.

After several games, we will read *The Flower Fairy* book and then make the Silk Fairy Mobile available from Magic Cabin Dolls (800-623-6557, www.magiccabin.com). Next we will play the Garden Game from HearthSong (800-325-2502, www.hearthsong.com) where everyone learns to feed the soil, plant seeds, nurture plants, and help each other through natural disasters.

Afterwards, we will plant our own herb seeds in Martha Stewart's Herb Garden Greenhouse Kit. Reading *It's An Ant's Life* will follow, available through Nature's Workshop (888-393-5663). Next we will paint pictures of flower gardens with our new

watercolor paints, and then make a delightful meal—garden salad, vegetable pasta, and blackberry cobbler.

Run along now and enjoy spring, but be sure to stay out of Mr. McGregor's garden.

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