

Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!



RAIN

LETTER OF THE DAY

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ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Rain"



Open up both hands, and starting with your hands above your head, bring them down. Your fingers are like the raindrops falling down.

BOOKS TO SHARE

On A Magical Do-Nothing Day
by Béatrice Alemagna

Puddles!!!
by Kevan Atteberry

Tap, Tap, Boom, Boom
by Elizabeth Bluemle

The Deep, Deep Puddle
by Mary Parker

Rain!
by Linda Ashman

Split! Splat!
by Amy Gibson

Float
by Daniel Miyares

The Hugely-Wugely Spider
by Ethan Berlin

Ivy and the Lonely Raincloud
by Katie Harnett

Singing in the Rain
by Tim Hopgood

Worm Weather
by Jean Taft

Blue On Blue
by Dianne White

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

Splash! Fall the Raindrops [action rhyme]

Splash! Fall the raindrops, [*clap hands softly*]
To the ground they go; [*point to the ground*]
We need the raindrops, [*ASL sign for 'rain'*]
To help the flowers grow. [*ASL sign for 'grow'*]

This Is The Way . . .

[*Tune: "Here We Go 'Round The Mulberry Bush"*]

This is the way the rain does fall,
Rain does fall, rain does fall.

This is the way the rain does fall,
In the spring time.

[*Verses: flowers grow; bunnies hop; birdies fly; caterpillars crawl*]

Walking In The Rain

[*Tune: "London Bridge"*]

Let's go walking in the rain,
In the rain, in the rain.
Let's go walking in the rain,
Early in the morning.

It's Raining, It's Pouring [English nursery rhyme]

It's raining, it's pouring,
The old man is snoring.
He went to bed and bumped his head,
And couldn't get up in the morning!

Thunderstorm

The rain falls from the sky:
Splash, splash, splash!
The thunder rushes by:
Crash, crash, crash!
Now lightning, my oh my!
Flash, flash, flash!

Puddle Song

[Tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"]

Splash, splash, splash in puddles,
Splashing all day long.
Splashing's what we do when we
Sing this splashing song.

[Verses: jump; spin]

If It's Raining . . .

[Tune: "If You're Happy And You Know It"]

If it's raining and you know it, hold up your umbrella.
If it's raining and you know it, hold up your umbrella.
If it's raining and you know it, then the sky will surely show it,
If it's raining and you know it, hold up your umbrella.

[Verses: put on your raincoat; put on your rain boots; splash in the puddles]

"Singing In The Rain" by Gene Kelly (1952)

"Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head" by B.J. Thomas (1969)

"If All Of The Raindrops" by Old Town School of Folk Music (2000)

MORE FUN!

Shaving Cream Raincloud

Materials:

Clear jar/cup
Shaving cream
Food coloring
Water
(Optional) Large eyedropper



Talk with your child(ren) about the science of rain.

For a refresher on the water cycle and how to explain it to young children, check out one of our Easy Reader ("ER") non-fiction books.

Fill jar with water and spray shaving cream 'cloud' on top.

Take turns dropping food coloring on top of the shaving cream 'cloud.'

You can also dilute some of the food coloring with water in a smaller jar and provide a large eyedropper for your child to practice using this tool.

Eventually, the shaving cream will get too saturated with coloring, and it will begin to drip into the water below as 'rain.' This mimics the actual science behind rain!

Even if your very young child(ren) don't quite understand the science behind this activity, the sensory exploration of the materials can provide hours of fun with minimal clean-up.

PRECIPITATION is any kind of water that falls from the atmosphere back to Earth. Besides rain, what other types of precipitation can you and your child(ren) think of?

Learn and practice saying different rain-related vocabulary words with your child(ren).

Examples: "umbrella," "thunder," "lightning," "puddle," etc.

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