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## WEATHER

A pathfinder designed for preschool through grade 2 children to help you find materials on weather in the West Springfield Public Library Youth Department.

### > Parent/Teacher Materials <

- COPYCAT, PERIODICAL "CopyCat: Ideas & Activities for K-3 Teachers." You Are My Sunshine. May/June 1994. p. 14-21.  
Activities and ideas for teaching facts about the sun and understanding the importance of the sun in our lives. Could be used with a unit on weather.
- THE MAILBOX, PERIODICAL "The Mailbox: Primary." Who's Watching the Weather? Dec/Jan, 2002-3. p. 4-9.  
For use with grades 1-3.
- PARENT J372.21/MCK McKinnon, Elizabeth & Gayle Bittinger. Busy Bees: Fun for Two's and Three's. Everett, WA: Warren Pub. House, 1994.  
Contains a variety of hands-on projects and movement games appropriate to the spring season, including weather, for two and three-year-olds, but could be adapted for use with children up through kindergarten.

### > Non-Fiction <

- J551.576/SHE Sherman, Josepha. Shapes in the Sky: A Book About Clouds. Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2004.  
Describes various types of clouds and explains how clouds form.
- J551.577/SHE Sherman, Josepha. Splish! Splash!: A Book About Rain. Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2003.  
Rainclouds -- Sunlight and water vapor -- The water cycle -- Rain on the Earth -- We need rain -- Dangers from rain -- Drought.
- J551.6/BOU Bourgoing, Pascale & Gallimard Jeunesse. Weather. New York: Scholastic, 1989.  
Explores the various aspects of the weather and the changing seasons on spiral-bound transparent pages.
- J551.6/SIN Singer, Marilyn. On the Same Day in March: A Tour of the World's Weather. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2000.  
Highlights a wide variety of weather conditions by taking a tour around the world and examining weather in different places on the same day in March.

## > Poetry <

J811.008/WEA

Poems selected by Jane Yolen. Weather Report: Poems. Honesdale, PA: Wordsong/Boyd's Mills Press, 1993.  
A rich collection of poems about weather outside of any window.

## > Fiction <

EJ/BAR

Barrett, Judi. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. New York: Atheneum, 1978.

Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers—until the weather takes a turn for the worse.

EJ/EAG

Eagle, Kin. It's Raining, It's Pouring. Boston, MA: Whispering Coyote Press, 1994.

This expanded version of the nursery rhyme "It's raining, it's pouring" shows what happens to the old man in all kinds of weather.

EJ/ROS

Ross, Tim. Brewster, the Rain-Makin' Rooster. Austin, TX: Eakin Press, 1999.

Brewster, an intelligent rooster, successfully predicts the weather, spelling out his forecast by scratching on the ground.

## > Video <

VIDEO J551.6/WAT

Water and Weather, Volume 2: Tell Me Why. Produced by Leonard Bendell. Marina Del Ray, CA: Tell Me Why, 1987.

A video encyclopedia answering questions about various aspects of weather. 30 min.

JVIDEO/PIG

The Pig's Wedding and other Stories. Weston, CT: Children's Circle Home Video, 1990.

Includes, "A Letter To Amy." Peter is having a birthday party and has invited all his friends. Amy is special, so Peter decides to write her an invitation. He rushes out in a thunderstorm to mail it, bumps into Amy, and knocks her down. Now Peter wonders if Amy will come to the party. Approx. 10 min.

## > Website <

Earth and Space Science/Weather. Teacher Lesson Plan pages on Scholastic.com. Copyright, 1996-2005. Viewed March 30, 2005. <http://teacher.scholastic.com/ilp/index.asp?SubjectID=4>

A great source of activities and lesson plans for an early childhood unit on weather.

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