



Craft: Weather Puppets

Supplies Provided: 7 glue dots, 5 gray pom poms, yellow foam sheet, gray foam sheet, yellow popsicle stick, gray popsicle stick, 7" gray ribbon, 5" gray ribbon, tacky glue

Directions

1. Fold the yellow foam into a square and cut, creating a yellow square and rectangle.
2. With the yellow square, cut out a circle and draw a face.
3. With the yellow rectangle, cut into varying strips for the sun rays.
4. Glue the sun rays and the yellow popsicle stick onto the back of the yellow circle.
5. Cut a cloud shape out of the gray foam sheet and draw a face.
6. Glue the ribbons and the gray popsicle stick onto the back of the cloud.
7. Flip over and use the glue dots to affix the gray pom poms onto the ribbon.
8. Allow the sun and the cloud to dry for 3 hours.

Educational Play Benefits: Fine motor, artistic expression, imagination

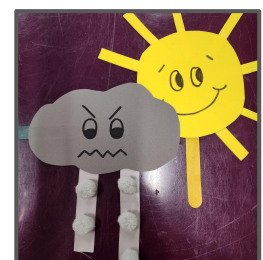
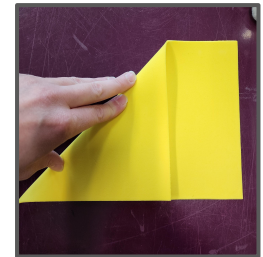
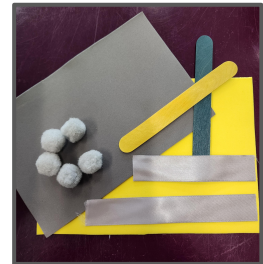
Not sure what to **TALK** about with your little one? Look outside and describe the weather! Use the songs on the back of this sheet to prompt observation. Play along with the puppets.

SINGING helps soothe young children when they experience something unexpected. Next time there is a loud rainstorm, sing a calming lullaby as you talk about the sounds outside.

READ books about the joy of nature and different weather patterns including *The Big Storm* by Nancy Tafuri, *Little Genius Weather* by Joe Rhatigan, and *More Than Sunny* by Shelley Johannes.

As raindrops fall down a window pane, use your baby's finger to trace the movements of the raindrop. Tracing is an important skill for **WRITING**.

PLAYING outside in the puddles after a rainstorm offers wonderful benefits including cause and effect, gross motor development, and the joy of free play. You don't need special clothes for this—just a quick change after you come back inside.



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What's the Weather?

Tune: Clementine

What's the weather?
What's the weather?
What's the weather like today?
Is it sunny? Is it cloudy? Is it rainy out today?

Rain is Falling Down

Tune: Farmer in the Dell

Rain is falling down. Splash! (clap)
Rain is falling down. Splash! (clap)
Pitter patter, pitter patter,
Rain is falling down. Splash! (clap)

Sun is peeking out. Peek!
Sun is peeking out. Peek!
Peeking here, peeking there,
Sun is peeking out. Peek!

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