

# What's the Weather?

## A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

**Themes:** Climate Change, Environmentalism, Extreme Weather, Seasons

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**Book Brief:** *What's the Weather?* is a nonfiction text that shows weather and seasons as a part of people's everyday lives, different types of extreme weather, and the impacts that people have on weather and climate.

## TIME TO READ!



**Before:** Read the title of the book and look at the cover. Ask your child what the weather was like today in your area. Is it the same or different than the weather on the cover of the book? How can you tell?

**During:** As you read, look closely at the photographs and have your child share what they notice. Ask how they think they would feel in that type of weather.

**After, ask questions:**

- What kind of weather have you seen before?
- What's something new you learned about weather?
- How can weather affect people?

## CONVERSATION STARTERS

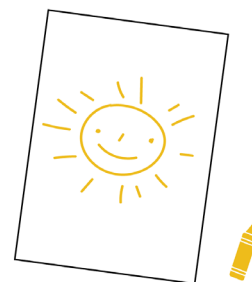
As your child develops **Print Awareness**, they learn how books are put together, and how print “works.” They learn what letters are, how letters make up words, and the difference between text and pictures in a book. As you read, show your child where the text in the book is, and have them point to the pictures. In this book, the pictures are photos rather than illustrations. Compare this book to a book with illustrations and talk about what you notice. Why do you think they chose to use photos for this book? Point out that photographs are real images, so they are used in informational texts.

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### CELEBRATION OF SEASONS

Materials: paper, writing and drawing utensils

Weather can change depending on the seasons. Talk with your child about the seasons in your area. Ask if they have a favorite season. Why is that their favorite? Have them draw a picture of themselves in their favorite season. As they draw, ask what they are doing? What they are wearing? Draw yourself enjoying your favorite season as well. Is it the same or different than your child's?



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### NONFICTION BOOKS ABOUT WEATHER

- [What Makes it Rain? \(2015\)](#)
- [National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Weather \(2017\)](#)
- [Weather and the Seasons \(2019\)](#)