

Windsongs: Poems About Weather

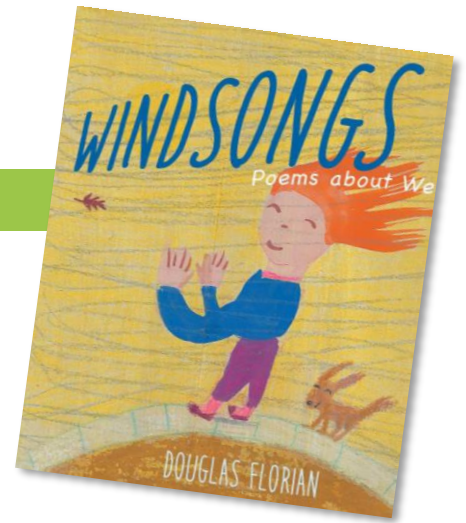
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Nature, Poetry, Weather

Book Brief: Weather can be cloudy or clear, cold or warm, rainy or stormy, and this book explores it all—from everyday drizzle to powerful hurricanes. With playful poems and fascinating facts, young readers can discover all kinds of weather around the world.

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about the book.

Prior Knowledge: Search for a video about different types of poetry for children.

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: “As we read today, determine the author’s purpose for each poem.”

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Describe Earth's atmosphere.
- How does the author describe wind?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: Select a poem and describe the author's purpose as well as the type of poem.

Extend Our Thinking: Using [RIF's Writing Template](#), have students create their own poem about

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more poems with the [Poetry Collection](#).