

Raindrops Roll

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Weather, Water Cycle, Nature

Book Brief: What can raindrops do? Follow along as the author takes readers on a journey through the wet, wonderful world of rain using fun poetry and beautiful photographs.

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, make predictions: Why do you think the author chose the title *Raindrops Roll*? What do you think the author is going to tell you about raindrops? What type of text do you think this will be? Why? Can you find the fly hidden on the cover?

While reading, make connections: As you read the poem, think about how the author uses different verbs to describe the rain. Have you ever seen

raindrops doing each of these actions? What other verbs would you use to describe rain?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ What are some usual signs that it might rain?
- ◆ Why do plants need rain?
- ◆ How does rain help animals living in the wild?
- ◆ How is rain like a magnifying glass?
- ◆ Where do raindrops go after the sun comes out?
- ◆ Do you like rainy days or sunny days better? Explain.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

RAINDROP SIMULATION SNACK

Ingredients: vanilla yogurt, blueberries

Create a fun, rainy snack by placing one or two scoops of vanilla yogurt at the top of a plate to represent clouds. Place blueberries under the clouds as “raindrops.” Enjoy your tasty treat near a window and watch the weather outside. Is it a rainy, sunny, or cloudy day? What’s the weather forecast?

RAINDROP SUNCATCHERS

Materials: wax paper, old crayons with no wrappers (blues and white), manual pencil sharpener, scissors, towels, iron (for adult use only!), clear tape

Lay out a small sheet of wax paper on top of a towel. Use the pencil sharpener to create shavings from the

old crayons; collect shavings onto the paper. Once the paper is full of shavings, lay another sheet of wax

paper on top. Have an adult place a warm iron on the wax paper to melt the shavings. Let cool, then cut out raindrop shapes from the paper. Tape your raindrop suncatchers onto a window and enjoy!

RAINDROP RACE

Rainy day? Grab a friend or sibling and have a raindrop race. Find a window. Each person should pick a raindrop as it hits against the glass. Follow the raindrops until they hit bottom to see whose raindrop gets there first. Pick new raindrops and race again!



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Woodpecker Wham! (2015)
Eat Like a Bear (2013)
Let's Go Nuts: Seeds We Eat (2013)



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