







Add & Enhance - "What's the Weather Like Today?"

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<p style="text-align: center;">ART</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photographs of different types of weather (display on the wall) Sunshine stampers and/or stickers Mister bottle filled with water (for rain) Paper doilies (to use as snowflakes) Yellow, orange, red and purple paint (for sunsets) Washable blue ink pad (for making fingerprint raindrops) Cotton balls (for snow) Sponges cut in shape of suns and clouds <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">DRAMATIC PLAY/DRESS-UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old video camera (pretend to record weather broadcast) Table with chairs (for weather broadcast) United States map taped to the wall Clothing for different types of weather (e.g., raincoats, rain boots, snow boots, snow clothing, mittens, gloves, bathing suits, etc.) Beach towels Sunglasses, ski goggles, swim goggles Paper fans
<p style="text-align: center;">BLOCKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food boxes wrapped in white paper (for pretend blocks of snow) Toy snow plow (if you have one) Cotton balls (for snow) Pictures of wind turbines, dams displayed on the wall 	<p style="text-align: center;">LITERACY & WRITING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Books (both fiction and nonfiction) about different types of weather Writing paper cut in the shape of raindrops, suns and/or clouds Pencils/markers/crayons Notebooks <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">GROSS MOTOR PLAY & MUSIC/MOVEMENT (indoors and outdoors)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic sled Small snow shovels (if available) Styrofoam or whiffle balls and large spoons (for pretend snowballs) Scarf, hat, mittens, etc. for building a snow person (if there is snow in your area) Rain stick <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">MANIPULATIVE, MATH, SCIENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thermometer mounted outside a window Child-safe binoculars Notebooks and crayons/markers (for recording weather) Water table with small watering cans (for making rain) Ice (to add to the water table) Rain gauge (outdoors near a window) Feltboard with precut felt clouds, sun, snowflakes, etc. Plastic tub filled with cotton balls and large spoons (pretend snow and shovels) Clothing for different types of weather with snaps, zippers and buttons Sound machine with nature sounds (e.g., rain falling, thunderstorm, etc.)

Add & Enhance - "All the Colors of the Rainbow"

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<p style="text-align: center;">ART AREA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paint (all colors...including black and white) • Colored chalk • Paper plates cut in half (to make rainbows) • Colored art tissue (all colors) • Watercolor paints • Rainbow crayon bundles (bundle 3-4 different colors of crayons together and secure with rubberbands) • Washable stamp pads (different colors) & stampers • Chenille stems (all colors) 	<p style="text-align: center;">DRAMATIC PLAY/DRESS-UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing in many different colors (all sizes and types) • Plastic cups and plates (different colors) • Plastic fruits and vegetables • Clothing with patterns (e.g., polka dots, plaids, stripes) • Colorful small blankets or towels • Extra paper party plates (ask parents/caregivers to donate...they are usually very colorful) • Colorful scarves <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">BLOCKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorful blocks (e.g., magnet, bristle, foam or Duplo®) • Assorted toy vehicles (assorted types and colors) • Cut pieces of colored posterboard (for ramps) <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">LITERACY & WRITING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books about colors (fiction, nonfiction, poetry) • Assorted colors of construction paper & art tissue • Colored pencils/markers/crayons • Stickers (for children to use as "stamps") • Envelopes
<p style="text-align: center;">GROSS MOTOR PLAY & MUSIC/MOVEMENT (indoors and outdoors)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assorted balls in different colors • Color Bowling Game - To make, wrap empty drink bottles with different colors of construction paper. Locate a ball children can roll to knock over the bottles. • Beach balls • Parachute (if available) • Scarves (assorted colors) and/or crepe paper streamers (for movement activities) OR to tie on riding toys • Recorded music - specifically songs about colors 	<p style="text-align: center;">MANIPULATIVE, SCIENCE, MATH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food coloring (or washable paint) to tint water in the water table • Color sensory bottles - Fill clear plastic water bottles with colored water and add about 1/4 cup of cooking oil. Secure the lids with glue and tape. • Assorted toy cars and trucks to use in sand (different colors) • Fingerpaint and fingerpaint paper (for mixing colors) • Clothesbasket of assorted socks (different colors/sizes) for matching • Paint samples from the local home improvement store • Stringing beads (large enough to not be a choking hazard) • Playdough (assorted colors) + toy rolling pins and cookie cutters <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>