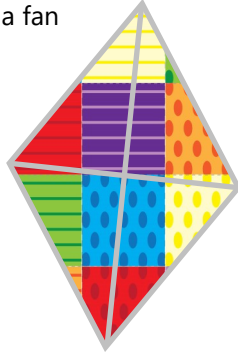


Add & Enhance - "Windy Weather"

Enhancing the learning environment is easy! Here are a list of materials you may want to add to your learning areas to enhance the unit, "Windy Weather." Feel free to add other materials you feel would your children would enjoy as well. Please see our, "The Environment & the Gee Whiz Curriculum" for more information on materials you should have in your program.

ART AREA

- Diamond shaped easel/painting paper
- Wrapping paper scraps
- Paper plates cut into the shape of a fan
- Sponges cut into diamond shapes OR diamond-shaped cookie cutters
- Corrugated cardboard, peeled apart and cut into diamond shapes (for rubbings)



DRAMATIC PLAY/DRESS-UP

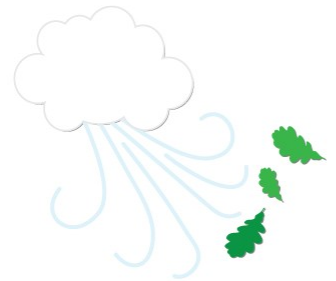
- Toy compass
- Props to role-play meteorologists (e.g., professional clothing (both genders), map of the United States, toy microphone, etc.)
- Pinwheel
- Drying rack
- Clothing one might wear on a windy day

BLOCKS

- Photos of wind turbines and windmills printed from the internet and posted on the walls
- Blue painter's tape "kite" on the floor
- Toy airplanes and helicopters
- Small windsock made from orange fabric children can use as they build airports

LITERACY & WRITING

- Books about the wind and windy weather (see Book List in Teaching Guide for suggestions)
- Assorted writing tools (markers, crayons, pencils, etc.)
- Writing paper cut into a diamond (kite) shapes
- Empty notebooks (which children can use to record their wind observations)



GROSS MOTOR PLAY & MUSIC/MOVEMENT (indoors and outdoors)

- Crepe paper streamers or scarves
- Songs about the wind (check Spotify, Pandora and YouTube for lots of options)
- Pinwheels (supervise closely ... no running!)
- Bubble solution and assorted wands
- Kite
- Windsock



MANIPULATIVE, SCIENCE, MATH

- Nonfiction books about the wind and windy weather (use the Book List to help you)
- Child-safe binoculars (for observing the wind)
- Wind Tracking Chart (see Teaching Guide)
- Prepared Windy Memory Teaching Tool (see p. 32 of the Teaching Guide)
- Pinwheel and/or windsock
- Small, handheld battery-powered fan with foam blades (supervise directly)