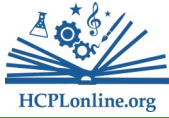


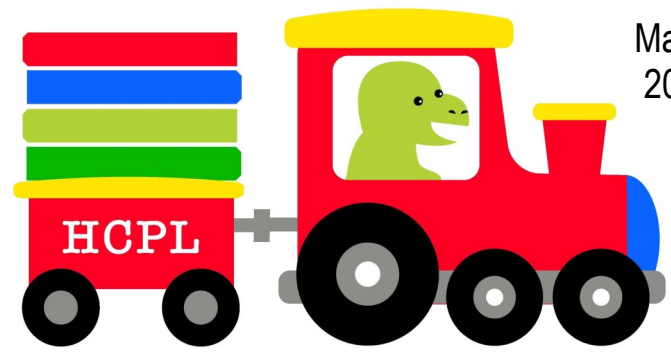
# HCPL Preschool Traveling Library: Opening the Gift



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## Songs and Fingerplays

### What a Windy Day!

Tune: The Wheels on the Bus

The kites in the air are blowing in the wind,  
Blowing in the wind, blowing in the wind.  
The kites in the air are blowing in the wind,  
What a windy day!

Continue with the following:

The leaves on the trees are...

The clouds in the sky are...

The flag on my lawn is...

The hair on my head is...

### Blow, Wind, Blow!

Blow, wind, blow

[move arms back and forth]

All through the town

Blow wind blow

[move arms around]

Up and down

[move arms up and down]

Blow, wind, blow

From the left to the right,

[move arms left to right]

Blow, wind, blow

All through the night.

[slowly lower arms, rest head on hands]

### Whoosh, Whoosh!

Source: Mailbox Magazine

Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It

Oh, the wind blows on my [knees], on my [knees].

Whoosh, whoosh!

Oh, the wind blows on my [knees], on my [knees].

Whoosh, whoosh!

Oh, the wind blows all around,

With a whooshing, whooshing sound.

Oh, the wind blows on my [knees], on my [knees].

Whoosh, whoosh!

Continue with:

back, tummy, elbows, head,  
ankles, feet, arms, legs.

## Theme: Hold Onto Your Hat

### Books to Share



It's March! What will the weather be?  
The answer is blowin' in the wind!

*Like a Windy Day* follows a little girl on a windy day adventure, exploring all that the wind is and does. *Whose Hat Is That?* is a playful, funny story about the wind, a hat, and a group of animals—each one thinks they look good wearing the hat, but who's hat is it? Then it's time to head outside with Bear and Mole for *Kite Day*, where a storm snaps the string and lands their kite in a surprising spot. **WHOOSH!**

***Like a Windy Day*** by Frank Asch and Devin Asch

***Whose Hat Is That?*** by Anita Bijsterbosch

***Whose Hat Is It?*** by Valeri Gorbachev

***Kite Day*** by Will Hillenbrand

***On a Snow-Melting Day*** by Buffy Silverman

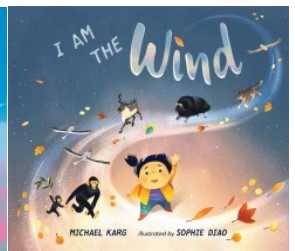
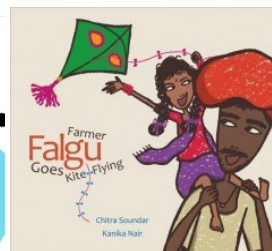
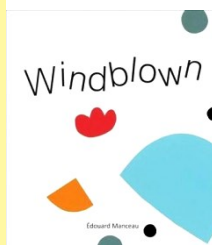
***When the Wind Blows*** by Linda Booth Sweeney

### Nursery Rhyme: Rock-a-bye Baby

**Music: "Wings On A String"**  
from *How To Be a Cloud* by Kara Willey

Looking for more book ideas?

Check these out!



Next month's theme will be **Build It!**

# Book of the Month from the Parent Teacher Collection

*Whatever the Weather : Science Experiments and Art Activities That Explore the Wonders of Weather*  
by Annie Riechmann PTC 551.6078 R

Don't mourn a rainy day; instead, use it as a leaping-off point for outdoor adventures! The weather around us offers a perfect starting point for exploring the wonders of nature. The engaging science experiments and open-ended art activities in this book aim to give children ages four to eight a basic understanding of the science behind the weather that they experience each day, while also encouraging creativity, questioning, and a spirit of curiosity—perfect for budding naturalists. Full of accessible information about weather science and the way things work, this hands-on guide to exploring the natural world will inspire a sense of wonder and adventure—no matter what the day brings. - (Random House, Inc.)



## Try a Fun Activity

### Lion or Lamb Puppet

Welcome the wacky weather of March with this wild and woolly double-sided puppet!



Supplies:  
2 small white paper plates  
strips of yellow, brown, and orange construction paper  
yellow tempera paint  
paintbrush  
cotton balls  
jumbo craft stick  
markers  
pencil  
glue  
stapler

#### Steps:

1. Paint one plate yellow. Set it aside to dry.
2. To make a lamb, use markers to draw a lamb's face on the front of the unpainted plate. Then glue cotton balls around the rim of the plate.
3. To make a lion, use markers to draw a lion's face on the front of the painted plate. Then curl one end of each paper strip around a pencil and unroll it. Glue the strips around the plate to resemble a mane.
4. Glue a craft stick to the back of the lion plate to use as a handle.
5. Place the lion and lamb plates back to back. Staple the plates together to form a two-sided puppet.

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Every **CHILD**  
Ready to **READ**

**Music for Well-Being** Singing a lullaby while holding your child and rocking together is a great way to help him relax. Knowing how to take time out and relax is very important. Sharing quiet moments builds a relaxation routine for both of you. Singing lullabies to your older children will bring them back to that safe, calm, soft place and will also help to settle them down. So continue singing lullabies, even when your children are no longer babies.

*The Early Literacy Kit by Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Saroj Ghoting*



### Questions or suggestions?

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## More Rhymes

### Hat Thief

[use pictures of hats with this rhyme]

The wind took my hat – oh dear, oh my!  
The wind took my hat up into the sky.  
"I need my hat," the [baker] said.  
"I need my hat to cover my head!"

Repeat with:

Firefighter, magician, clown,  
Construction worker, baseball player, etc.

### Five Bright Kites

Tune: Three Blind Mice  
[Count on fingers]

Five bright kites.  
Five bright kites.  
See how they fly  
Up in the sky.  
One dives low  
And one swoops high.  
Two get tangled  
And the last floats by.  
I love to watch my kites in the sky.  
Five bright kites.

### Spring Winds

[Scarf activity]

Spring winds blow high.  
Spring winds blow low.  
They start out as breezes;  
Then they grow and grow!

Round and round they go,  
Swaying every treetop,  
Sweeping across the grass,  
Then, just like that, the winds stop!  
[Let scarves float gently to the floor]

### Lion and Lamb

Source: Mailbox Magazine  
Tune: The More We Get Together

When the weather's cold and windy,  
and windy, and windy,  
When the weather's cold and windy,  
We say it's a lion!  
[spoken: ROAR]

When the weather's warm and sunny,  
and sunny, and sunny,  
When the weather's warm and sunny,  
We say it's a lamb!  
[spoken: BAA]