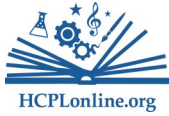


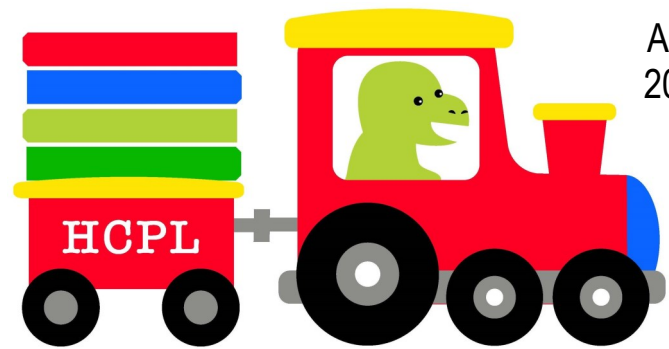
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Songs & Fingerplays

April Clouds

Two little clouds one April day
[make two fists]
Went sailing across the sky
[move fists side to side]
They went so fast they bumped their heads
[bump fists together]
And both began to cry.
[rub eyes with hands]

Out came the big round sun who said [make
a circle with arms]
"Never mind, my little dears
[shrug shoulders]
I'm going to send my sunbeams down [wiggle
fingers downward]
To dry your fallen tears."

Come Under My Umbrella

tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie?

Come under my umbrella, umbrella, umbrella
[arch arms overhead like an umbrella]
Come under my umbrella; it's starting to rain.
[wiggle fingers as hands descend]
With thunder and lightning,
[clap of thunder, then open fists & spread
fingers for lightning]
And thunder and lightning.
Come under my umbrella; it's starting to rain.
[arch arms overhead, wiggle fingers as hands
descend]

Five Little Raindrops

tune: Itsy Bitsy Spider

Five little raindrops
[hold up 5 fingers]
Dancing on the walk
[wiggle fingers down]
Pitter patter, pitter patter, that's the way they
talk.
[Pat thighs]
Out comes the yellow sun, shining in the sun
[circle arms overhead]
And away goes one raindrop
Bye bye, bye
[wave]

[countdown from 5 to 1]



Theme: Rainy Days!

Books to Share



Spring is here! As we welcome the blossoming flowers and the warmer weather, spring also brings rainy days. This month, we are celebrating the rain and puddles with a selection of books, rhymes, and songs to make any duck happy! *Move Over, Rover* is a favorite and includes a variety of animals hiding out in a doghouse during a thunderstorm. That is until an uninvited guest appears! *Let's Go Puddling* celebrates raincoats, rubber boots, and, of course, puddle jumping. In the nonfiction book *Raindrops Roll*, children can get up close to the rain through photographs of nature by author April Pulley Sayre. Grab an umbrella, slide on some rain boots, and enjoy exploring the rain!

Move Over Rover by Karen Beaumont

Little Cloud by Eric Carle

Split! Splat! by Amy Gibson

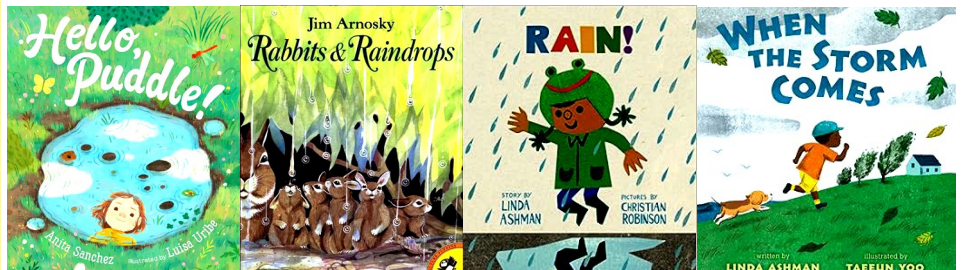
Raindrop, Plop! by Wendy Cheyette Lewison

Let's Go Puddling! by Emma Perry

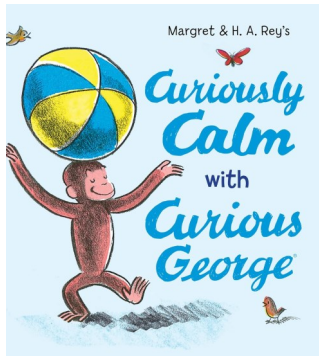
Raindrops Roll by April Pulley Sayre

Nursery Rhyme: Itsy Bitsy Spider

Music: "If All the Raindrops Medley" from *Spring Songs for Kids*
by Stephanie Leavell



Your next visit date will be May _____
Next month's theme will be *What an Adventure!*



Book of the Month from the Parent Teacher Collection

Curiously Calm with Curious George by Dawn Huebner, PTC 155.4124 HUE

All feelings are okay, but sometimes our feelings don't make us feel good. In this reassuring book, kids and grownups will learn soothing and fun practices to try when they're looking for that curiously calm feeling. Featuring original artwork from Margret and H.A. Rey's timeless picture books, and a text by psychologist Dawn Huebner, PhD, this book encourages readers to breathe deeply alongside everyone's favorite curious little monkey, Curious George.

Helpful backmatter includes more information about emotional regulation and tips for guiding kids on how to cope with their feelings.

Try a Fun Activity



Rain Cloud in a Jar

- Food coloring
- Water
- A clear jar
- Shaving cream
- Plastic pipettes

1. Mix a few drops of food coloring into some water and set it aside
2. Fill a clear glass jar about 3/4 of the way full with cool water
3. Add shaving cream to the top. This will act as the "cloud"
4. Using the pipette, suck up some of the colored water and squirt on top of the shaving cream cloud to make it "rain"
5. Keep adding more water until "raindrops" make their way through the shaving cream cloud and create the rainstorm.

<https://thestemlaboratory.com/rain-cloud-jar/>

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

Rainy weather doesn't need to be a negative, make it a learning experience for your young child! Watch the rain, explore puddles or even take a walk and listen to the rainfall. Make the most of rainy days by engaging with fun activities that also emphasize literacy and learning such as testing which items float in a puddle. Or try collecting the rainwater in bowl or bucket and measuring the amount. Have fun and turn the cloudy days into special days of learning!



Questions or suggestions?

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More Rhymes

Like a Cloud

Can you stretch like a cloud up in the sky?
Stretch big and tall; stretch up high!
Can you curl up like a cloud into a ball?
Curl up tight, and make yourself small!
Can you stretch like a cloud and make yourself wide?
Stretch out from your body, side to side.
Can you bend like a cloud down to the ground?
Bend left and right; bend all around!

Look Out the Window

tune: Frère Jacques

What's the weather, what's the weather,
On this [Monday], On this [Monday]?
Let's look out the window,
Let's look out the window.
It is [Sunny], It is [Sunny].

Replace [] with the appropriate word.

Raindrops Are Falling

tune: London Bridge is Falling Down

Little raindrops are falling down
[wiggle fingers and move them down like rain]
falling down, falling down.
Little raindrops are falling down,
Falling to the ground.
[tap fingers on the ground]
Bigger raindrops are falling down,
falling down, falling down.
Bigger raindrops are falling down,
Falling to the ground.
[tap hands on the ground]

Other Verses:

Giant raindrops...[stamp feet on the ground]
Fast raindrops...[wiggle fingers and sing quickly]
Slow raindrops...[wiggle fingers and sing slowly]
Teeny Tiny raindrops...[use fingers only for rain and sing in a high-pitched voice]