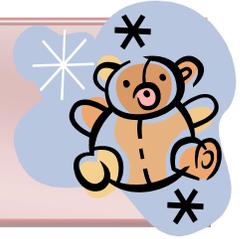




Be Excited About Reading BEAR Book Activity

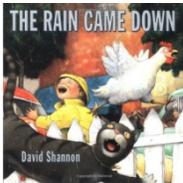
Family Learning Activities that Develop Readers Ready for School



Before Reading

Look at the cover of the book, what are the chicken, boy, and cat doing? Where is the name of the author? Ask your child what the story might be about. Open to the page where the story begins and talk about the chickens. Why do the chickens look upset?

Read Together



The Rain Came Down David Shannon

A rain shower comes down and an entire neighborhood is in a crabby uproar. Find out how everyone starts smiling again and helping each other.

After Reading

Reading together!

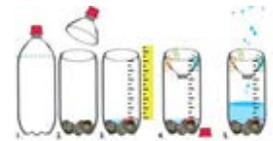
Begin to read the book together after reading a couple of pages. Stop and ask your child what he thinks will happen next? Why do things keep happening? When the rain stops, ask your child how he thinks the people and animals from the story will feel and behave? Why does everyone help each other?

How much does it rain?

You will need to make a rain gauge! Here is how:

Materials:

Clear plastic bottle about 8 to 10 inches high
Small pebbles or marbles
12-inch ruler
Permanent marker



What to do:

1. Cut the top off the plastic bottle.
2. Put the pebbles or marbles in the bottle (to steady the bottle in the wind).
3. Put water in the bottle to the level of the rocks.
4. Place the bottom of the ruler at the rock level, and using the permanent marker, mark inch levels up the bottle (see Figure above).
5. Put the top of the bottle you cut off, upside down in the bottle and use paperclips to secure it in place.
6. Place the bottle outside on a level surface away from buildings and trees
7. Make sure you are eye level with the bottle to figure out how much it has rained.

What To Do!

- Place the rain gauge in the ground in an open area.
- Check every day to see how much rain you have.
- Was it a lot? A little?
Read a rain poem together:

Rain

(By Anonymous)

*Rain on the green grass,
And rain on the tree,
And rain on the
housetop,
But not upon me.*

Share New Words

- Noise
- Traffic
- Honk
- Rainbow



Look for These Books at Your Library

- 📖 **The Rain Stomper** by Addie K. Boswell
- 📖 **Who Likes Rain** by Wong Herbert Yee
- 📖 **Rainy Day!** by Patricia Lakin
- 📖 **I Love the Rain!** by Margaret Park Bridges

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