

Wind Lesson Plan

- 9-9:15 Opening in activity room
- 9:15-9:30 Free play, table play related to theme
Have a strong fan on the table/floor with items to use in the wind stream:
2 identical cars, one with a parachute attached, one without;
streamers; pinwheel; play scarves; ball; block; scotch tape to attach
crepe paper streamers to table/other items if desired; plastic
grocery bag with handles tied together with yarn to use as a “kite”
- 9:30 -9:40 Bathroom Break
- 9:40 – 10:20 Circle time (welcome children, prayer, introduction of topic)
*show n tell, wiggle songs, stories and songs related to theme
- Two little hands go clap, clap, clap; two little feet go tap tap tap; one little body turns around; one little child sits quietly down.
 - My hand says Hello, My hand says Hello, Every time I see a friend my hand says “Hello.” My feet say hello....
 - “This is Big Big Big...
 - Prayer
 - Show and Tell
- Talk about wind: What is wind? Have you ever been outside in the wind? Did you hear the wind blow this week?
- Read from “Berenstain Bears Almanac” p 33-35, “Actual Facts about Wind”
- Sing “Wind Song” (Sung to: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")
Blow, blow, blow, the wind -
Gently through the trees.
Blow, and blow, and blow, and blow -
How I like a breeze!
Blow, blow, blow the clouds,
Blow them through the sky.
Blow, and blow, and blow, and blow -
Watch the clouds roll by!
- Read “Away Went the Farmer’s Hat” (by Jane Belk Moncure)
What happened to the Farmer’s Hat? Who enjoyed it? How did the Farmer’s wife fix his problem? Have you ever had the wind blow something away? What was it? What happened? Has the wind ever brought you something?

10:20 – 10:40 Theme craft

- Craft 1: Make a wind streamer toy. (picture steps below) The child can run holding it beside them to catch the wind; hold it over a fan stream to watch the streamers fly; dance while holding the handle and have fun streamers flying around them; or other fun things.
- Craft 2: Hair dryer art: Tint water strongly with food coloring and put in a squirt bottle. Kids juice bottles from Sharp Shopper with squirt top work well. :) In a large foil pan, lay down an old, folded towel. Lay card stock or water color paper on top of the towel. Let the child squirt colored water on the paper and use the hair dryer to move the water around. Lay it out to dry in the window or stairwell.

10:40- 11:05 Bathroom break and snack time

11:05 -11:30 Outside time if weather is nice/free play

- Take Wind streamers and/or bubbles out to play in the wind if desired

11:45-pickup Completion of any craft activities, stories, songs

- “Curious George and the Hot Air Balloon” or “Spot’s Windy Day”

To Prepare Grocery Bag strips for wind streamer craft:

1. Turn grocery bag inside out.
2. Cut to release the side "pleats" without cutting the bottom seam of bag. Cut the seams out of the top of the handles.
3. Cut off the parts of the bag that are no longer joined at the bottom. Trim rough edges of handles if necessary. Discard trimmings.
4. Cut the remaining, joined body of the bag in roughly 1 inch strips.
5. Open the strips.
6. Tie the strips onto the outer rings of the "figure-8 juice handles" to make streamers the kids can play with in the wind.

