

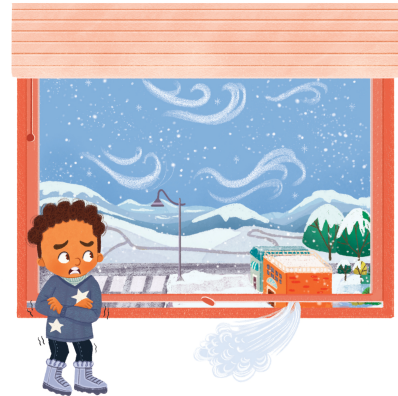
Weather Window Art

Inspired by *Manny Matches the Weather* by Jenny Lacika.

Goal: Observe and illustrate the weather.

You will need:

- View of the sky
- Drawing surface (paper or clear piece of plastic)
- Art tools (crayons, markers, watercolors, or washable window markers)



What to do:

- Observe the current weather and talk about what you see together. What do you notice outside? What color is the sky? Are there clouds?
- Set up the drawing space (consider the best option for the child, which might be the clear piece of plastic taped on a window, paper on a table, or chalk on the sidewalk).
- Encourage them to draw what they see. Ask them to label the drawing with any weather signs (sun, clouds, rain).
- Talk about what they created. Consider writing or helping them write the description of what they drew on the back of their drawing.

To think about:

- Explore adding 3D elements to the art, like cotton balls, popsicle sticks, or tissue paper.
- Go outside together and notice how the air feels. Is it hot, cold, or somewhere in between? You can also check the temperature using a weather app or thermometer. Add the temperature to the drawing using words like “**hot**,” “**cold**,” “**warm**,” or even write down the number like “**72°F**.”

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