

Are You Ready to Play Outside? Extension Activities for the Classroom

Sensory Play:

Rain Sensory Bin

Use sponges for clouds. Poke holes in plastic cups. To add a math component, each cup should have a different number of holes. Write the corresponding number on the side of each cup. Feel free to add rocks to your water table and any other items that are theme related. Don't forget to add the water!!!



Crafts:

Toilet Paper Tube Raindrop Painting

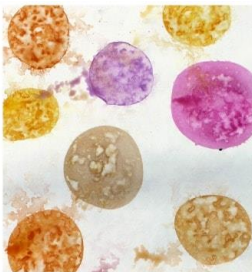


Use empty toilet paper rolls to create fun raindrop art.

<https://playteachrepeat.com/rainy-day-art-activity>

Painting with Rain

making
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Paint large circles using watercolor paint on heavy paper. While the paint is still wet, set the paper outside in the rain, Watch how the raindrops change the picture!

<https://nurturestore.co.uk/kids-art-painting-rain>

Science:

Rain Cloud in a Jar

Shaving cream, water, and food coloring creates a fun experiment to create a rain cloud in a jar.

<https://www.growingajeweledrose.com/2014/02/rain-clouds-in-jar-experiment.html>



Language Arts:

Puddle Jumping Alphabet Activity

Cut blue paper puddles and write a letter on each puddle. Tape them to the ground in a circle. While playing music, have the children jump from puddle to puddle. When the music stops, the children stop on a puddle and identify the letter.

<https://funlearningforkids.com/puddle-jumping-alphabet-activity/>



If you and your students enjoyed reading, *Are You Ready to Play Outside?*, be sure to check out these books too:

- *Drop: An Adventure in the Water Cycle* by Emily Kate Moon
- *Soaked* by Abi Cushman
- *Singing in the Rain* by Tom Hopgood