

Are You Ready to Play Outside? Fun Activities and Book Suggestions for Families

Art Activities:

Bubble Wrap Rain Painting

Start with one sheet of white printer paper, one piece of bubble wrap, a paintbrush (or sponge) and some blue paint. (You can also use different shades of blue paint.) Have your child paint the bubble side of the bubble wrap with the blue paint. Then turn it over and press the bubble wrap (paint side down) onto the white printer paper.



Rain Sticks

Use materials found in your home (paper towel tube, aluminum foil, tape, paper or brown paper bag, crayons or markers and beans, popcorn OR rice) to make a rain stick with your child.



<https://fcmof.org/blog/2020/04/09/rain-stick-craft/>

Food Crafts:

Pig Sandwich and Elephant Snack



Language Arts Activity:

Cloud Writing

Use shaving cream to create a "cloud" on a tray (or placemat). Your child can practice writing letters in their raincloud. (You may want to show them how to make each letter on paper.) They can "erase" it with their fingers and try another letter.



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

- ***Raindrops Roll***, by April Pulley Sayre
- ***Puddle***, by Hyewon Yum
- ***The Big Umbrella*** by Amy June Bates and Juniper Bates