

# Cloud Writing

Kindergarten students are emerging writers. They're learning to string letters together to form words, words into sentences, and sentences into stories. They're also learning that ideas for stories are all around them—even right outside the window.

Christina Rosetti, a famous poet, once described clouds as "white sheep on a big hill." Clouds can take on as many different shapes and personalities as the imagination allows. What will your kindergartener imagine when she looks at the clouds? You don't need a cloudy day to find out. Create this quick and easy craft with your child, and then let his imagination float free as a cumulus cloud as he writes about it!



## What You Need:

- Blue construction paper
- Paper towels or newspaper
- White paint
- Colored pencils/thin markers

## What You Do:

1. Lay out some paper towels or newspaper in your workspace. Lay the blue paper on top.
2. Assist your child in squeezing a glob of white paint near the top center of the blue construction paper.
3. Carefully fold the paper in half vertically.
4. Have your child press his fingers on the paper to squish the glob of paint around, pressing from the fold outward.
5. Open the paper to see the paint cloud he just created. Allow it to dry.
6. Use a thin black marker to trace around the cloud and make its borders more pronounced.
7. Now have your child look at the cloud picture. Ask him to think about what the shape looks like. Encourage him to really use his imagination. Does it look like a dragon? A train? A butterfly? The sky's the limit!
8. Use the black marker to write a fill-in-the-blank sentence at the bottom of the page: "It's a \_\_\_\_\_ cloud!" Hand your child the marker and have him write a word in the blank to complete the sentence. For example: "It's a dragon cloud!"
9. Finally, have your child illustrate around the cloud to complete the scene as he wishes.
10. Repeat to create additional cloud pages, and compile into a book!