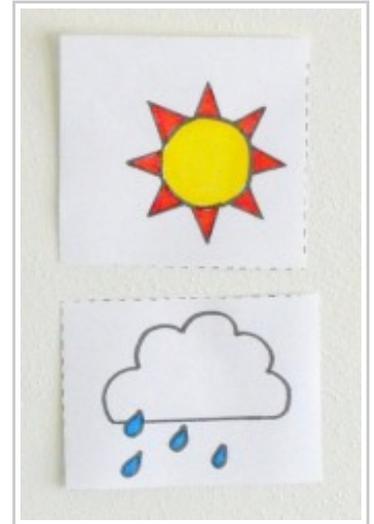


Make a Weather Wall

Weather is a fascinating subject, especially for kids. If your child ever played weatherman or tried to predict the weather, this is the perfect activity for her. She'll ply her observation skills as she checks out the weather each morning, then try her hand at weather casting by predicting what the weather will be at lunchtime.

What You Need:

- Weather symbol template
- Lightweight cardboard such as a file folder
- Glue
- Scissors
- Paint, markers or crayons
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Double-sided tape or magnets (try recycling old advertising magnets)



What You Do:

1. Have your child glue the template to the cardboard. While the glue dries, point out the symbols for sunny, partly cloudy, cloudy, showers and thunderstorms. What type of weather are you having today?
2. Now invite her to color the symbols using crayons, markers, or paint. Let dry, if using paint.
3. Cut the symbols out along the dotted lines.
4. Help her put double sided tape or magnets on the back of each symbol so they can be hung on the wall, door, or refrigerator.
5. Each morning, encourage her to take a look outside to check the weather. Is it raining, sunny, or cloudy? Chose the symbol that matches the weather and put it up in your chosen spot.
6. Now challenge her to predict the weather. What will it be like by lunchtime? Will it change, or stay the same? If she thinks it will change, place the symbol representing her prediction under the symbol showing the current weather.
7. After lunch, check the weather again. How close was the prediction?

Do this activity over a week or more and keep track of how accurate your child is in making predictions. Does her accuracy improve over time? Who is more accurate, your household meteorologist or the local newscaster?