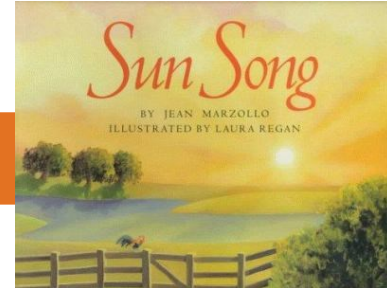
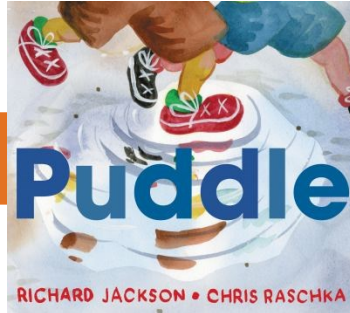


TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



tales' tip

Writing can be very motivating. When children **WRITE** their own words, in whatever style they can, they start to see the connection between the spoken and written word. Encourage your children to write or make their own marks, on their drawings, your grocery list, or on a greeting card. ... All of this helps them get ready to learn how to read. (adapted from *Storytimes for Everyone!* Book)

activity

Use pots or bowls to make snow castles on a snowy day! You can use mud or dirt on warm days. Add some food coloring to the snow in order to make your creation colorful! Try creating a snow family using different sized cups. Potato head pieces can be a great addition for bringing your snow family to life! Discuss what your snow family would wear to keep warm in snowy weather.

digital fun

[PBS Kids Weather Surprise Game](#)

Visit: Games > Sid the Science Kid >

Weather Surprise on [pbskids.org](#)

READ

[Hibernate with Me](#) by Benjamin Scheuer

[When the Wind Blows](#) by Linda Booth Sweeney

[The Village Garage](#) by Brian Karas

[Bear & Hare Snow!](#) By Emily Gravett

PLAY

Create leaf dominos using different colored leaves! Include different shaped leaves and talk about the edges of each leaf. Are they smooth? Can you count the number of edges each leaf has? Use the dominos to match each leaf and count how many pairs you are able to match during your game!

TALK

Use your child's experiences to **TALK** about the science behind weather. We can find out facts right along with our children by using the books in the library. Scientific knowledge gives children a foundation for later learning. -Every Child Ready to Read tip cards

SING

It's Raining, It's Pouring

It's raining, it's pouring

The old man is snoring!

He went to bed and bumped his head

And he couldn't get up in the morning!

It's snowing, it's blowing

The old man is growing!

He ate so much one day for lunch

Every part of him was showing!

It's warm out and sunny

The old man loves honey!

He tried to seize a batch from the bee's
And they didn't find it funny!

It's windy, it's blowing

The old man is sewing

His hat blew off into a trough

And now his bald head is showing!

WRITE

Have your child list different types of weather and write them down together. Write another list of clothing and items needed for different seasons. Your child can draw a line to match each item to the weather they belong to! Make a weather wheel and have your child name what's needed for the weather the spinner lands on!