

Wind by Carol Thompson Kite Day by Will Hillenbrand Splish, Splash, Spring by Jan Carr When the Wind Blows by Linda Booth Sweeney Like a Windy Day by Frank Asch & Devin Asch Someone Bigger by Jonathan Emmett We Like Kites by The Berenstains Kite Flying by Grace Lin

Nursery Rhyme: Rock-A-Bye Baby

Songs & Fingerplays to Share

CD: "Wings On a String " from How To Be a Cloud by Kira Willey

<u>Whoosh, Whoosh!</u> (tune: If You're Happy and You Know It)

I'm a kite, (form triangle with hands over head) Way up high. (stand on tiptoes) Twisting, dipping (twist and dip) In the sky. In hard winds, ("whoooooo") I twirl around. (spin in circle) With NO wind, (shake head "no") I tumble down. (crouch down low) susanmdailey.com

<u>l'm a Kite</u>



Oh, the wind blows on my [knees], on my [knees]. Whoosh, whoosh! Oh, the wind blows on my [knees], on my [knees]. Whoosh, whoosh! Oh, the wind blows all around, With a whooshing, whooshing sound. Oh, the wind blows on my [knees], on my [knees]. Whoosh, whoosh!

Continue with: back, tummy, elbows, head, ankles, feet, arms, legs. *Mailbox Magazine, Preschool edition Feb/Mar "09*

Blow, Wind, Blow

Blow, wind, blow, *(move arms back and forth)* All through the town. Blow, wind, blow, *(move arms around)* Up and down. *(move arms up and down)* Blow, wind, blow, From the left to the right. *(move arms left to right)* Blow, wind, blow, All through the night. *(slowly lower arms)*

Your next visit will be: April _____ Next month's theme will be: "I Dig Gardens"





<u>My Kite</u> (tune: The Farmer in the Dell)

My kite is up so high, My kite is up so high, Oh, my, just watch it fly, My kite is up so high.

My kite is falling down, My kite is falling down, Oh, no, it's down so low, My kite is falling down.

The wind has caught my kite, The wind has caught my kite, What fun, I'm on the run, The wind has caught my kite.

My kite is up so high, My kite is up so high, Oh, my, just watch it fly, My kite is up so high. *hummingbirded.com*



More Books to Share:

Stuck by Oliver Jeffers The Kite by Mary Packard Wind by Alice K. Flanagan Just a Kite by Mercer Mayer The Wind Blew by Pat Hutchins When the Wind Blows by Stacy Clark Gilberto and the Wind by Marie Hall Ets

Activity Ideas:

<u>Windy & Calm</u>: Call out, "Windy!" and encourage children to move about as if they are being blown by the wind. Then say "Calm" and prompt the children to stand absolutely still. Continue alternating the words for a fabulous gross-motor workout. The Mailbox Kindergarten edition Feb/Mar 2011

<u>Blow-by-Blow</u>: Place two cotton balls at one end of a table. Give each of two children a straw. Then prompt the children to blow the cotton balls to the opposite end of the table using the straws. Repeat until everyone has had a chance to engage in this activity which helps children coordinate their lips, cheeks, and jaw with airflow, an essential skill needed for speech production. The Mailbox Preschool 2012-13 Yearbook PTC J 373.21 M

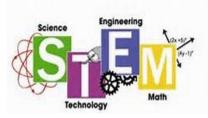
<u>Ink Blot Kites</u>: Provide each child with a large diamond shape cut from paper. Direct them to fold the shape in half to make two equal parts (they may choose to fold across or up and down). Have them unfold their paper, then place a blob of poster paint in the center of one of the halves. Instruct the children to refold their paper, press the paper to flatten, then unfold. Presto! Their ink blot design is now on both halves!

Book of the Month:



Hands On Science and Math: Fun, Fascinating Activities for Young Children by Beth R. Davis PTC 372.35 D Encourage young investigators to feel, listen, smell, taste, and see their way to discovery by seamlessly infusing math and science throughout the day! As you incorporate all five senses into learning experiences, you will give little innovators the opportunity to observe and explore the world around them.

Designed to work with easy-to-find materials, the Hands-On Science and Math activities are inexpensive and uncomplicated, yet they lay the groundwork for understanding more complex STEM concepts later on. Simple experiments include: Launching Recycled Rockets, Shake and Freeze—Homemade Ice Cream and Look Out! Volcano Erupting.



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Road to Reading Tip:

<u>Music for Well-Being:</u> Singing a lullaby while holding your child and rocking together is a great way to help him relax. Knowing how to take time out and relax is very important. Sharing guiet moments builds a relaxation routine for both of you. Singing lullabies to your

older children will bring them back to that safe, calm, soft place and will also help to settle them down. So continue singing lullables, even when your children are no longer babies. The Early Literacy Kit by Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Saroj Nadkarni Ghoting

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