

Theme: Clouds

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Good morning StrongStart families,

Today's email content is put together by Ms. Maxine (from Champlain Annex).

We all like to stare at fluffy white clouds on a clear, blue sky day, but what are clouds exactly? When water collects in the air it can form clouds. Clouds are made from water droplets. Clouds are mysterious, puffy objects that wander through the sky and constantly change into endless, wonderful shapes. Here is one great way for children to learn about the weather, promote language and bonding with you in your backyard.

Materials: Blanket (optional), a day with fluffy clouds in the sky and story book "Little Cloud"
<https://youtu.be/jWVwkdL98Rs>.

Lie on your back next to each other and read the story to your child. You can even do this activity with your infant child. Your child will enjoy the special bonding with you. Look up at the sky together and ask your child "what shapes do you see?" You might have to take the first step by saying something like "I see two long ears that looks like a rabbit!" This a perfect activity for children to develop observation and language skills as they look for shapes in the clouds.

Here is a picture of Atticus, Ms. Maxine's son, looking at the clouds.



After some cloud gazing, you can watch a felt story of the book, Little Cloud, by Ms. Maxine - <https://youtu.be/JEoc7IF8wQ>

How can we bring the clouds inside with us? Let's make a rain cloud craft.

Materials: cotton balls, paper plate, glue, white paper or blue paper, string, tape

Instructions: Cut the paper plate in half. Glue cotton balls onto the half paper plate. Cut out raindrops. If you are using white paper, have your child colour the raindrops blue. Use tape to attach one end of the string to the back of the paper plate, so the raindrops are hanging from the cloud.



After your craft, you can join Ms. Maxine singing “Rain on the green grass”
- https://youtu.be/P_8LyQhLnIi

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