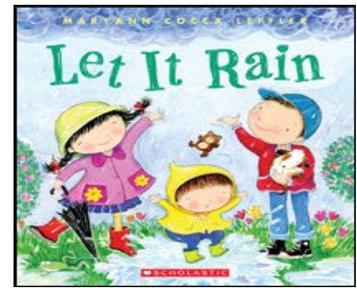




Let It Rain

By Maryann Cocca-Leffler



This short story is all about rain and helping us to understand why it is good and why it is not so good.

Before:

Start story time by taking the time to tell the children about the book. Use the cover of the book to ask questions and gain interest from the children. A good example question would be, "What are these children doing out in the rain?"

During:

While reading the book make sure to pause and take a couple moments to observe the illustrations and ask questions. Talk about what the children are doing in each picture and what the weather is like. Point out "rare words" and help define them in a way to help the children understand.

Rare Words in *Let It Rain*

Downpour: a heavy rainfall **Budding:** developing buds **Tilling:** prepare and pull up land for planting
Sow: to plant seeds by scattering them **Flood:** an overflowing of large amounts of water

After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- What are some things that rain is good for?
- Why can rain be a bad thing sometimes?
- What appears in the sky after a rainfall?
- What are some of the activities that the kids in the story did?
- What season gets a lot of rain?

Do you like to splash
in the puddles when
it rains?



Let's Talk About *Let It Rain*

In this story the children are very busy doing many different activities, rain or shine. What are some activities you like to do in the rain? What kind of clothes do you wear to help keep you dry in the rain? When is it not safe to play in the rain?

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Make Your Own Sugar Bubbles

Ingredients:

1/2 cup of dishwashing liquid (Dawn or Joy)

2 cups of water

2 teaspoons of sugar

*you can add a few drops of food colouring to this recipe, but then the bubble solutions should be used outdoors only.



Rhyme Time

Signs of Spring

By Robin Suitt

I look outside and what do I see?
Flowers growing and baby birds
singing.

Butterflies floating in the sky,
It's beginning to rain, my oh my!
I look outside and what do I see?
I see spring looking back at me!

What's inside the kit ?

- Five Umbrellas Song & Felt Pieces
- Raindrops Circle Time Song & Props
- Picture Board Match/Tracing
- Weather Picture to Word Match
- Spring Rhyme Match
- Spring Word Cards
- Umbrella Alphabet Match Book
- What's the Weather? File Folder

