

Word Clouds



Preschool Storytime; Cloud Shapes

January 23, 2013, 10:30-11 a.m.

Books

Carle, Eric. *Little Cloud*.
Philomel Books, c1996. A little cloud becomes all sorts of things--sheep, an airplane, trees --before joining other clouds and raining.

P CARLE

Shaw, Charles Green. *It looked like spilt milk*.
HarperCollins, c1947, [1994?]
Uses simple illustrations and text to tell about the shapes of clouds.

P SHAW

Hamblyn, Richard. *Extraordinary clouds : skies of the unexpected from the beautiful to the bizzare*.
Cincinnati, Ohio ; Newton Abbot : David & Charles, 2009. The words in this book are for adults, but the pictures are amazing for everyone!

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Rhymes

How sweet to be a cloud, floating in the blue
Every little cloud always sings aloud
How sweet to be a cloud, floating in the blue
It makes him very proud to be a little cloud.
A.A. Milne

Fog is a cloud that sits on the ground, Sleepy and soft and white
It makes it hard to see very far, And the sky is losing its light!
Jan E.V.W. Hanson

One misty-moisty morn, when cloudy was the weather.
There I met an old man, who dressed up all in leather.
He dressed all in leather, from his toes up to his chin.
Singing: how do you do? And a how do you do?
And a how do you do, again.
Nursery Rhyme

Sometimes I lie / in the grass, And I look at the clouds up high,
And I dream I am riding / a big white horse,
And I'm galloping over the sky.
Jill Eggleton

What's fluffy white and floats up high, like cotton candy in the sky?
When the wind blows hard and strong, what so gently floats along?
What brings rain, what brings snow, showering down on us below?
When you look up so high, what changing shapes can you spy?
Adapted Traditional



Every Child Ready to Read; Early Literacy

Early literacy is what children learn about reading and writing before they learn to read and write. Children learn these skills before they start school.

- You are your child's best teacher!
- You know them best
- You are with them when they are ready to learn.

Try these at home:

- Make reading a fun, cuddling time
- Share a book with your child every day. Even just a few minutes is important.
- Books often expose children to things outside their familiar environment, expanding their vocabulary.
- Use a familiar word following a new one
- Ask your child open-ended questions about the pictures; questions s/he must answer with more speaking than pointing and more words than just "yes" or "no"
- Encourage your child when s/he pretends to read
- If your child loses interest, try another time.

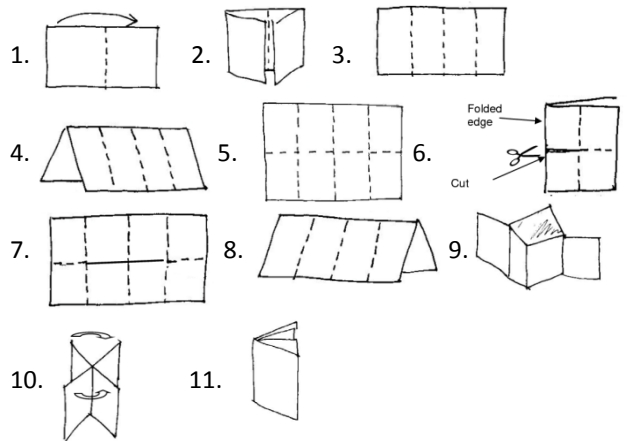
Five Practices:

There are five early literacy practices that every child needs to get ready to read, listen and write.

- Talking
- Writing
- Reading
- Playing
- Singing

Cloud Shapes Book Activity

Make a 16 page mini-book with one sheet of folded paper and one cut!



Cut out picture of clouds, and let your child glue them to every other page. On the facing pages, your child can draw a shape they see in the cloud. Making a cover for the book helps teaches what's the front and back of the book.