

Rain

The Sound of Rain

Materials: gift-wrap tube
aluminum foil
crayons
scissors
rice
margarine tub
masking tape

Procedure:

1. Cover one end of the tube with masking tape.
2. Tear a length of aluminum foil twice the length of the gift-wrap tube.
3. Crush and twist the foil into a spiral form that fits inside the tube.
4. Carefully slide the foil twist inside the tube.
5. Fill the margarine tub with rice and pour it inside the tube.
6. Use masking tape to close the tube.
7. Decorate the outside of the tube; cut and glue aluminum foil raindrops around the tube.
8. Hold your rain stick upright for all the rice to fall to the bottom, then slowly turn the tube upside down.

The rice falling against the foil will sound like raindrops.

Rain Brush

Materials: art paper
paintbrushes
paint

Procedure:

1. On a rainy day, have each child paint free form on his/her paper.
2. Then while they are still moist, place the paintings in the rain.

The children will enjoy watching the raindrops create unusual designs as they mix with the paint.

Sparkling Raindrops

Materials: rain drops cut out of card stock
glue
paintbrushes
shallow containers
glitter
fishing line
hole punch

Procedure:

1. Pour glue into the shallow containers.
2. Show students how to paint a thin layer of glue onto the card stock, then sprinkle glitter over the glue.
3. When the glue is dry, have students do the same to the opposite side of the raindrops.
4. When the raindrop is completely dry, punch a hole in the top and tie the fishing line to it.
5. Hang raindrops (at different lengths) from the ceiling.