

SPRING SHOWERS



Did you know that out of all of the months of the year, April and May are the rainiest in Wisconsin? In the Madison area, it's normal to get up to 4 inches of rain during this time! All the rain brings new growth and blooming flowers. There are all kinds of rain clouds. "Nimbus Clouds" are general rain clouds and often appear dark in the sky. The clouds that produce thunder and lightning are called "Cumulonimbus Clouds"; these are the ones that tower high into the sky and look big and puffy.

Make a rain cloud

Materials: A paper plate, cotton balls, scissors, glue or tape, string or yarn, paper, and coloring tools

Directions:

1. Cut a paper plate in half or cut a half circle of paper.
2. Glue cotton balls to the half circle to make the cloud. (Hint: once dry, gently tug the cotton balls to make them fluffier.)
3. Cut different lengths of string, and tape or glue them to the back of the cloud.
4. Color and cut out blue raindrops and glue or tape them to the ends of the strings.
5. Hang your creation in a window and enjoy some time outside, no matter the weather!