

Madison Public Library's

Storytime Starters

Theme: All the Water in the World (Spring 2018)

Books for Toddlers:

Get out of my bath by Britta Teckentrup, © 2015 (CPC copy, Teckentrup)

Splash! By Flora McDonnell © 1999 (FAVORITES McDonnell)

Wave by Suzy Lee © 2008 (FAVORITES Lee)

Rain! By Linda Ashman © 2013 (FAVORITES Ashman)

The wet dry book by Kate Spohn © 2002 (CONCEPTS Spohn)

Watersong by Tim McCanna © 2017 (NATURE McCanna)

Wet by Carey Sookocheff © 2017 (CONCEPTS Sookocheff)

Books for Preschoolers:

A cool drink of water by Barbara Kerley © 2002 (363.61 K457c)

Water is water by Miranda Paul © 2015 (551.48 P287w)

All the water in the world by George Lyon © 2011 (NATURE 551.48 L994a)

Water Rolls, water rises/El agua rueda, el agua sube by Pat Mora © 2014 (S 553.7 M79w)

Rain by Manya Stojic © 2000 (NATURE Stojic)

School-Age Extension:

Water in the Park by Emily Jenkins © 2013 (NATURE Jenkins)

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Fingerplays & Songs :

The itsy bitsy spider

The itsy bitsy spider
goes up the water spout
Down came the rain and
Washed the spider out
Out came the sun and
dried up all the rain
And the itsy bitsy spider
Went up the spout again

Additional verses: (thanks Carissa!!)

the teeny weeny spider
(sing in high voice)
the big hairy (but not scary) spider
(sing in a low voice)
the lazy daisy spider
(sing very slow)
the speedy weedy spider
(sing very fast!)

Splash! Fall the Raindrops (from storytimekatie.com)

Splash! Fall the raindrops (clap hands softly)
To the ground they go (patter on legs)
We need the raindrops (wiggle fingers down)
To help the flowers grow (cup hands for
flowers)

Five little raindrops

Five little raindrops (hold up 5 fingers)
Dancing on the walk (wiggle fingers down)
Pitter patter, pitter patter, (patter on legs)
That's the way they talk!
Out comes the sun, shining in the sky (hold
up arms as sun)
And away goes one raindrop (put 1 finger
down)
Wave bye, bye! (wave!)

(count down from 5 with fingers)

Make a Rainstorm

Library has a great video here

The wind is rustling the leaves in the
trees
(rub hands together to make wind)
The raindrops start falling.
(Snap fingers for raindrops)
The raindrops are falling faster!
(Pat hands on lap/legs)
There's some thunder too
(Stomp feet)
The rain is slowing down
(Pat hands on lap/legs)
Now we have just little raindrops
(Snap fingers for raindrops)
The rain stopped, and now all we have is
the breeze through the leaves on the
trees
(rub hands together to make wind)

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The Rain is on the grass (Scarf rhyme)

The rain is on the grass
(wave scarves downward)
The rain is in the trees
(wave scarves up)
The rain is on the roof
(Wave scarves over your head)
But not on me!
(let scarves fall on head)

Can repeat with sun, snow, wind

Bubble Bubble Bubble Pop! From Jbrary

One little red fish swimming in the water
(make hands swim back and forth)
Swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water
One little red fish swimming in the water
Bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble
(wiggle hands upward)
Pop!
(clap hands)

(there is a flannel board of this one in the kit with a wide variety of different animals)

The Water Cycle Song (to the tune of London Bridge) by Rebecca Millerjohn

All the rain comes pouring down,
(wiggle fingers down)
Pouring down, pouring down,
All the rain comes pouring down,
Down from the sky

The sun comes out and dries and it up
(put arms up like sun)
Dries it up, dries it up
The sun comes out and dries and it up
Back to the sky.

The water vapor makes a cloud
(roll hands around)
Makes a cloud, makes a cloud
The water vapor makes a cloud
Up in the sky

The wind comes out and blows it round
(blow a wind and wave arms back and forth)
Blows it round, blows it round
The wind comes out and blows it round
All through the sky

Lightening flashes and thunder claps,
(clap hands together)
Thunder claps, thunder claps
Lightening flashes and thunder claps,
Up in the sky!

(repeat the cycle starting with rain)

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Big Book:

Mushroom in the Rain

Flannel Boards:

The water cycle – can sing with water cycle song; 5 little raindrops

Prop Stories:

Bubble Bubble Bubble Pop (Animals swimming in the water) - with animal facts!

Movies:

All the World; Come on, Rain!

App:

Stamps:

Umbrella, seashell, mice in the rain

Craft ideas:

Create a rain scene – tear tissue paper to create a layers water look, use cotton balls for clouds, draw a rainbow or create one from paper.

Smaller group – draw water animals with white crayons and paint water colors over them to show the relief. Add salt to water colors to absorb and change the color

*this may be a good time, depending on your space to consider an activity table rather than a craft? A sink or float station with different objects

Early Learning Tip:

Learning about the natural world and processes like the water cycle are a great way to encourage curiosity and wonder that will drive future learning. Model being curious with your kids by sharing your “I wonders...” and “I don’t knows....”