

# DAILY DOSE OF READING

Improving Literacy In Children  
By Empowering Families Through Reading And Language



## TRY AT HOME

4 EASY STEPS TO IMPROVE EARLY LITERACY BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF WORDS YOUR CHILD HEARS

“In the Wind and Rain”

### 1. TALK

- Use words like: *storm*, *overcast* and *blustery* to describe early springtime weather.
- There are many types of clouds and it is always fun to go outdoors, look up and see shapes in the clouds. Most of the puffy clouds are *cumulus* clouds. Rain bearing clouds are *nimbus* clouds. Low-lying, flat, gray clouds are *stratus* clouds. *Cirrus* clouds are high, thin and wispy looking.

### 2. SING

The Wind (Roberta Mohr)

Tune: 🎵 The Muffin Man 🎵

The wind is full of tricks today  
It almost blew me far away.  
It almost knocked me off my feet.  
As I came walking down the street!

The next time that I go outside,  
The wind won't take me for a ride.  
I know just what I will do  
I'll put some glue on the bottom of my shoe!

### 3. READ

*Little Cloud* by Eric Carle

*Wind* by Susan Canizares

*Rain* by Robert Kalan

*Rain* by Manya Stojic

### 4. PLAY

- Put on a pair of boots or galoshes, some clothes that will be OK to get wet and go outside in the rain. Stomp in puddles! -Chase something that is blowing around in the wind! Run into the wind with a kite and feel it on your face!
- Lay on your back on a warm spring day and look at clouds in the sky!

**QUICK FACT:** Experts are nearly unanimous in stating that babies should routinely experience shared books as soon as they experience shared talking, that is, during the first weeks and months of life. - *Butler, D. (1998). Babies need books. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.*