



MAKE A CLOUD DIARY

This activity can be done in any kind of weather and it helps kids build their observation skills. Record the type of clouds and figures you see in the clouds next time you are outdoors. On sunny days, you will often see puffy cumulus clouds that resemble cotton candy. Thin, soft stratus clouds may bring light rain, whereas dark, low-hanging cumulonimbus clouds mean more severe showers.

Materials:

- Cotton balls
- White glue
- Notebook



Instructions:

1. Take along a bag of cotton balls, white glue, and a spiral notebook.
2. Each day, record the date and make a note of the time.
3. Stretch the cotton balls into the cloud shapes you see in the sky above you.
4. Glue them to the page with dots of glue.
5. Label them with their cloud name.
6. Record any other weather happenings in the diary, too.

Be creative and gather other items to create clouds - chalk on black or blue paper, foam cutouts, even gluing marshmallows or sugar could work!

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