Activities

The Wind Blew

Grades: PreK–K, 1–2

Who Has Seen the Wind
By Christina Rossetti

Overview
Various outdoor activities show children how to sense the direction and force of the wind.

Wind Walk
Select a gusty day and look for signs of the wind.
Materials
- "Who Has Seen the Wind?"
- jar of bubbles, bubble wand
- balloons
- crepe-paper streamers or scarves
- trash bags

Teaching the Lesson

Who has seen the wind?
Neither I nor you:
But when the leaves hang trembling,
The wind is passing through.
Who has seen the wind?
Neither you nor I:
But when the trees bow down their heads,
The wind is passing by.

- Begin by reading aloud the poem Who Has Seen the Wind? by Christina Rossetti. Ask: What happened when the wind was passing through?
- Look out a window or sit in a sheltered area outside. Ask: Can you see the wind? Encourage children to explain how they know the wind is there.
- Ask: Which direction is the wind blowing? Is it difficult to tell?
- Once outside, lead the class in these activities.
  - Run with the wind.
  - Run into the wind. Which is easier?
  - Run faster than the wind. Slower.
  - Skip with the wind. Jump. Hop.
  - Stand still and move your arms like the wind.
• Twirl and whirl like the wind.
• Wet a finger and hold it up in the air. What do you feel? (The wind will cool one side as it passes by.)
• Provide streamers to run with and balloons to chase. Blow bubbles. Which way do they go? (Use the bags to collect balloons before going back inside.)

Subjects:

- Weather, Outdoor Activities and Recreation, Listening Comprehension, Science, Force and Motion, Weather, Songs and Rhymes