

Additional Activities



Moving Air

Read a book about air (e.g. *The Wind Blew* by Pat Hutchins) to help children understand that air is everywhere and helps move things. Take children with their scarves or streamers outside on a windy day. Have them run in the wind and discover what the wind does to the scarves and streamers.

Paper Bag Blow Up

Distribute plain paper lunch bags. Have children feel the bags and then open them and look inside. Ask what they find. Have children blow into their bags and then twist the tops and hold them tight. Ask what is in the bags now. Have children pop the bags sharply between their hands. Ask what happens, and help children conclude that air takes up space.

Super Lift

Demonstrate that air can help people work by lifting and supporting heavy objects (e.g. a bicycle, a car, a truck). Place a deflated balloon on a low shelf with the mouth piece hanging off the shelf. Put several books on top of the balloon. Ask: "Can the balloon lift the heavy books?" Blow into the balloon as children watch the power of your breath lift and knock over the books. Distribute balloons to volunteers who can stack small, thin books on the balloons and try it for themselves.

Curriculum Connections

Outdoor Time

Provide sugar-free bubble gum for children who are allowed to chew gum, and then have a bubble blowing contest. Ask: "What does it take to blow a bubble? Where does the air come from?"

Art

Help children make simple windmills using construction paper, pencils, and tacks or pins (see illustration). They can decorate their windmills with special designs and take them outside to rotate in the wind.

