

### **TIPS FOR READING ALOUD**

1. Preview the book *I Am the Rain* ahead of time. Engage children by reading with expression. Emphasize the rhyme as you read.
2. Read aloud the title then identify the author and illustrator. Ask children to look at the cover illustration and make predictions about the information in the book. *What do you think you will learn by reading the book?*
3. Read aloud the entire text *I Am the Rain* with few interruptions. Pause to provide the meanings of unfamiliar words.
4. Have children review their predictions. *What does the author want you to learn by reading the book?*
5. Read the book again. As you read, ask children to use the illustrations and the text to describe how water changes. Encourage them to use words in the glossary in their descriptions. Have children identify the rhyming words.
6. Draw a diagram with children to show how water moves in a circle—water forms clouds, falls as rain and snow, moves across the Earth as rivers and glaciers, and flows into the ocean, where it starts its journey again. Encourage children to write captions for their pictures.