



Pitter, Platter & PLOP!

Introduction

In the book *Pitter and Patter*, two drops of rain (Pitter and Patter) fall from a gray cloud and take different routes as they travel through the water cycle. In this activity, students write a story about another rain-drop, or possibly a snowflake, named "Plop."

Materials Needed

- ◆ A copy of the book *Pitter and Patter*
- ◆ "Pitter, Patter, and PLOP!" handout, included in this pdf

Common Core Standards (ELA K-3)

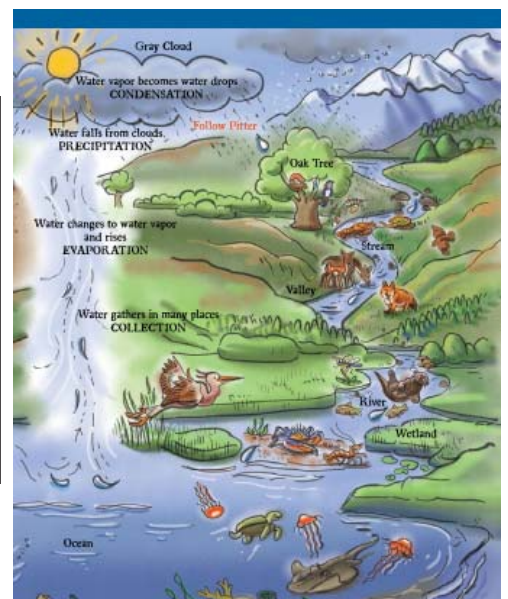
- ◆ Reading: Informational Text
 - Key Ideas and Details (K.1, 1.1, 2.1, 3.1)
 - Integration and Knowledge of Ideas (K.7, 1.7, 2.7, 3.7)
- ◆ Writing
 - Text Types and Purposes (K.3, 1.3, 2.3, 3.3)

Procedure

1. Read aloud the story about Pitter and Patter.
2. Referring to the two pages titled "Explore More—For Kids," follow Pitter and Patter through the water cycle beginning and ending with the gray cloud.
3. Using the handout, instruct students to write a story about Pitter and Patter's friend PLOP! The reverse side of the handout can be used for an illustration. Younger students can begin with the illustration and add a short narrative.
4. Invite children to share their finished stories with the class or in small groups.

Next Generation Science Standards (DCI K-3)

- ◆ PS1: Matter and Interactions
 - A: Structure and Properties of Matter
 - B: Chemical Reactions
- ◆ ESS2: Earth's Systems
 - C: The Roles of Water in the Earth's Surface Processes
- ◆ LS2: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics
 - A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems





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Big Idea: Water has been cycling from the sky to the Earth's surface and back again for 4.3 billion years! It falls as rain, sleet, hail, or snow and moves through the living and non-living parts of our planet in an infinite number of ways before returning to the sky once again.

Did you know that Pitter and Patter had another friend in the grey cloud named Plop? Write a story in the space below to tell how Plop found his way back to the grey cloud to rejoin his two friends. Feel free to use words from the word bank at the bottom of the page to help you.

- Roots
- Icicle
- Snowman
- Watering can
- Well
- Watermelon
- Sink
- Ice cube
- Car wash
- Fire truck
- Shampoo
- Mop
- Hose
- Teardrop
- Kettle
- Waterfall
- Puddle
- Cactus
- Water fountain
- Water slide
- Camel
- Umbrella
- Dog bowl
- Sweat
- Drool
- Dew
- Fog