

Nature Near You



Journal Prompt:



What kind of story do you see in the clouds today?



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Animal of the Week: Bald Eagle

Bald eagles are birds of prey with excellent long distance vision! They are able to see 8 times further than humans can see - they can see a rabbit running from almost 3km away! They live all across North America, but the majority of the population live in BC and Alaska. They eat fish, small mammals (squirrels, prairie dogs), and **carriion** (a fancy word for a dead or decaying animal carcass). In the wild, most eagles can live up to 25 years.

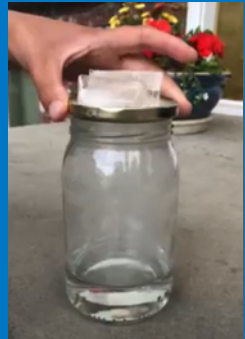
At Home Activity: Cloud in a Jar

Materials:

- Jar with lid
- Hairspray
- 1/3 cup hot water
- Ice Cubes

How to:

1. Pour a tiny bit of the hot water into the jar. Swirl it around to warm it up before pouring the remainder of the hot water in.
2. Turn the lid upside down and place on top of the jar.
3. Place several ice cubs on top of the lid. Let rest 30 seconds.
4. Remove the lid and ice, quickly spray inside the jar with hairspray, then replace the lid and ice. Watch your cloud form!



Other Resources:

Curious about clouds now? Want to know if you are in for a thunderstorm or not? Learn about the different kinds of clouds from PBS Learning Media - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3pV4hcZgkIE>

Sometimes nature leaves us speechless, sometimes nature gives us all the words in the world. Take a look at these kid friendly poems inspired by nature, maybe you can be inspired to create a poem of your own! <https://www.treehugger.com/family/celebrate-national-poetry-day-reading-nature-poems-children.html>