

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to identify and describe different types of clouds.

Materials and Prep

- White construction paper
- Coloring pencils or markers
- Access to a window or outdoor space
- Internet access (optional)

No prior knowledge is required for this lesson.

Activities

1. Look out of the window or go outside and observe the clouds in the sky. Take note of their shapes, sizes, and colors.
2. Using the construction paper and coloring pencils or markers, create a visual representation of the different cloud types you observed. Label each cloud type accordingly.
3. If you have access to the internet, research more about cloud types and their characteristics. Compare your observations with the information you find online.
4. Share your cloud artwork and findings with a family member or friend. Explain what you have learned about cloud types.

Third Grade Talking Points

- "Clouds are made up of tiny water droplets or ice crystals that float in the air."
- "Different types of clouds have different shapes and characteristics."
- "Cumulus clouds are fluffy and white, resembling cotton balls."
- "Stratus clouds are low and flat, covering the sky like a gray blanket."
- "Cirrus clouds are thin and wispy, appearing high up in the sky."
- "Nimbostratus clouds are gray and bring steady rain or snow."
- "Cumulonimbus clouds are tall and can bring thunderstorms."
- "Observing and studying clouds can help us understand weather patterns."