



## Nature Play at Home – Lesson Plan

Lesson Title: **Wacky Wind**

Supplies Needed: Recyclable house items, glue, string, the book “Millicent and the Wind” by Robert Munsch if you have it or read it online.

Lesson Activities:

### **Game: A Great Wind Blows**

- The leader says, “A great wind blows . . .” and says an object that starts with an “a”, and then the next participant says, “A great wind blows an apple and a bike”. The game continues with participants adding items on alphabetically while the participants remember the list of items.

### **Lesson on wind:**

- Begin by asking the participants what they know about wind: is wind in all seasons, do you like wind, what does it look like when it is windy, can wind make noise, etc.

### **Read the book: *Millicent and the Wind* by Robert Munsch**

- Before the book, show the participants the front cover and ask pre-reading questions:
  1. What do you think this book is about?
  2. From the illustration, what season does it look like?
  3. Who do you think Millicent is?
  4. Does the girl on the cover look like she likes the wind?
- Next, begin reading the book and emphasize the wind’s role in the story. Tie the story into the friendships that will be built at Nature Play,
- After the book, ask the kids questions about the book. These could be but are not limited to:
  1. Where did Millicent live?
  2. Why did Millicent play with the wind?
  3. Was the wind a good friend? Yes or no? Why?
  4. Do you think playing outside helps us make friends?
  5. Do you like to play outside and with nature?
  6. Do you think nature is alive?
  1. Saturn and Neptune feature the fastest planetary winds in the Solar System.

### **Share these wind facts and anymore that you know or collect:**

1. Short bursts of wind moving at high speeds are known as gusts.
2. Depending on their strength, winds can be known as a breeze, gale, storm or hurricane.
3. Wind can provide energy through the use of wind turbines.

4. Many sports and recreational activities make use of the wind. These include kites, wind surfing, sailing, and paragliding.

**Craft: Make windchimes (see several examples below)**

You can use any items around the house such as toys, coins, spoons, acorns, beads, washers, nuts, bottle caps, etc.



**Some videos on wind:**

<https://youtu.be/yFkVunFpfbM>

[https://youtu.be/U5\\_cZ3IRUkU](https://youtu.be/U5_cZ3IRUkU)

<https://youtu.be/RzSqhrn2dDM>

<https://youtu.be/xCLwbqmacck>

