**Things to do together**

- Spend a few minutes in total silence, just listening to the rain. Listening is an important school readiness skill.
- Make a list of words that rhyme with “rain”. If you like, use these words to write a poem about rain. Create an illustration for the poem if your child enjoys drawing.
- With paper and crayons, practice writing your child’s name with them.
- Play “Follow the Leader” around the house. Take turns being the leader. This helps develop the skill of following directions.
- Spread cornmeal on a baking sheet. Take turns drawing different letters in the cornmeal, shaking it to erase them and then writing other letters. Draw names or words if your child is comfortable with letters.

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**Rhymes And Fingerplays**

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| Rain on the green grass  
(spread hands out)  
Rain on the tree  
(reach arms up like a tree)  
Rain on the rooftops  
(form a “roof” over the tree)  
But not on me!  
(wag finger) |

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| Pitter-patter raindrops,  
(falling from the sky)  
(Make rain trickles with fingers)  
Here is my umbrella  
To keep me safe and dry.  
(form an umbrella shape above head)  
When the rain is over  
And the sun begins to glow,  
(make a circle with your arms for sunshine)  
Little flowers start to bud  
And grow & grow & grow.  
(stand up and stretch arms to the sky) |

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| Pitter pat, pitter pat  
The rain goes on for hours  
And though it keeps me in the house  
It's very good for flowers! |

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| It's raining, it's pouring,  
It's raining, it's pouring,  
The old man is snoring.  
He went to bed and he  
Bumped his head  
And he couldn't get up in the morning. |

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| Put up your umbrella  
When the rain comes down.  
Wear a happy smile  
And wipe away a frown.  
Splash in all the puddles  
And do a little dance.  
Rain is just the thing we need  
For watering the plants. |

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**Other Resources**

Rainy Day Play by Nancy Castaldo