

## Research a weather topic

Since the students were so excited about the weather parade idea, I decided to go with it and make it part of the homeschool work!

**Step 1:** Look at the sticky note in your child's folder to see which weather topic he/she picked to focus on for the weather parade.

**Step 2:** Decide how you and your child will research this topic. Below are some ideas:

- Borrow books from the library
- Find a video or movie (links on my website)
- Find websites (links on my website)
- Observe nature
- Watch the local weather report

**Step 3:** Read the book/website, watch the video/weather report or observe the weather outside together. Together, determine a few important facts about the topic. For example, after reading a page or two in a book about rain, ask you child, "What did the author tell us about rain on this page?" (Child restates the information on the page.) "Out of all that information, what do you think other people would want to know about rain?"

At this point, parents might want to just write down the information that the student feels is important and save *student* writing for the next step.

**Step 4:** Reread the list of facts that the student determined were important. Using a combination of drawing, labeling and writing, have the student write their own set of "notes" about their topic. Feel free to help a lot with spelling for this assignment. We will use these notes in class to make our weather parade.



## Make and play number Bingo

**Making the game:** Have your student make:

- two (or more) **Bingo boards**- numbers should be all mixed up and different on each board (numbers 0-20)
- **number cards**- cut paper into small squares and write a number on each one (0-20)
- **Bingo markers**- cut paper into tiny squares

**Playing the game:** Take turns flipping over a number card and saying the number. All players with that number on their board should mark it with a Bingo marker. The first person to get four in a row, wins!

\*\*\*It would be great to practice taking turns with three or more people. This seems to be a struggle for some students.

**On Monday I will look for the weather topic "notes" and the Bingo boards in student's folders.**