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StoryTrails

Investigate your world through art and nature

If you enjoyed Sector 7 and storyboarding with Katy Bratun, then explore more stories and wordless wonders with these books and resources!

Recommended Reading

Three Little Pigs, Flotsam, Tuesday and Hurricane by David Weisner
A Day, A Dog by Gabrielle Vincent
Ernest and Celestine by Gabrielle Vincent
Katie Caught a Cold, Deer Mouse at Old Farm Road illustrated by Katy Bratun
The Cloud Book by Tomie dePaola
Cloud Dance by Thomas Locker

Links

Artist Katy Bratun - <http://katybratun.com/>
Artist David Weisner - <http://www.hmhbooks.com/wiesner/>
The Weather Channel Games for Kids - <http://theweatherchannelkids.com/weather-games/>
National Geographic Kids: Cloud Photos - <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/photos/gallery/clouds/>
How to Make a Story Board - <http://www.mightyartdemos.com/mightyartdemos-shulevitz.html>
Comic Strip Printable Templates - <http://donnayoung.org/art/comics.htm>

Activity to Try at Home: Chopstick Books

Create your own book for keeping your ideas, sketching, or a wordless story adventure!

Materials: Colored cardstock White Paper Rubber Bands Hole Punch Chopstick

Instructions:

1. Fold your cardstock in half for the cover. You can decorate it now or when you are done assembling your book.
2. Cut the paper so it is a little smaller than the cover cardstock. Put your paper inside the folded cover.
3. Punch two holes through the cardstock and paper pages - if this is too thick to do all at once, punch the cover and mark the paper with a pencil through the holes so that you can punch the pages separately. Reassemble.
4. Thread the rubber band through one hole and catch the stick in the loop.
5. Pull the rubber band so the chopstick is snug against the cover, then bring the other end of the rubber band up through the other hole. Slide the rubber band over the other end of the chopstick and your book is ready!

Cloud Factory



**Celebrate Earth Day and create
a butterfly garden seed mat
as we read *Weslandia* on April 22nd!**