



## Book Activity Sheet

### Chicken Soup with Rice

By Maurice Sendak

This is a rhythmic book with repetitious text that incorporates the twelve months of the year.

#### Things to Talk About:

**Months of the Year:** Talk about the months of the year with your child. Explain that the months of the year have a certain order. Point out which month is your child's birth month. (This may be a logical place to start when introducing your child to this concept.) You can practice sequencing the months of the year with your child.

**Weather:** In the poem, Maurice Sendak describes the weather typically associated with each month. Take each month of the year and talk about the different kinds of weather that usually happen. Here's a weather song found at [www.perpetualpreschool.com](http://www.perpetualpreschool.com) to try at home with your child:

Weather Song  
(Sung to the tune of "Bingo")

There was a time when we were wet and rainy was the weather r-a-i-n-y-, r-a-i-n-y, r-a-i-n-y and rainy was the weather.

There was a time when we were hot and sunny was the weather, S-u-n-n-y, s-u-n-n-y, s-u-n-n-y and sunny was the weather.

There was a time when we were cool and windy was the weather, w-i-n-d-y, w-i-n-d-y, w-i-n-d-y and windy was the weather.

There was a time when we were cold and snowy was the weather, s-n-o-w-y, s-n-o-w-y, s-n-o-w-y and snowy was the weather!

#### Activities to Do:

##### 1. Illustrate the Poem

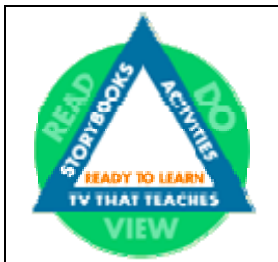
**You Will Need:** Chart paper, markers, crayons, and paint

**What to Do:** Have an adult copy the poem for each month on a separate piece of chart paper. (You will need 12 pieces of chart paper in all.) Encourage the children to illustrate each page using crayons, markers, or paint. This is an excellent way to introduce the months of the year. As you read the poem throughout the month the students will begin to remember the refrain.

##### 2. Wind Socks

**You Will Need:** white sandwich bags, scissors, glue, tape, staples/stapler, markers, buttons, sequins, (other lightweight craft items that can be attached with glue), yarn or string, streamers of different colors

**What to Do:** Each child will need one sandwich bag. Help children cut the bottom off of the bags. The children can decorate the bags with markers, sequins, buttons, etc. After each bag is decorated, two holes should be punched in the top of each bag. Yarn or string should be placed in the holes to make a hanger for the windsock. Have the children glue, staple, or tape streamers to the opposite end of their windsock. When they are all dry, you can hang them inside or outside. Watch the windsocks blow in the breeze.



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