

Celebrate a gray, soggy, rainy day

Pick any wet Saturday (so plentiful this time of year) and turn it into a family holiday, complete with snacks and activities. Whether it becomes a tradition is up to you... and the five-day forecast.

SCIENCE EXPERIMENT! CREATE A RAIN CLOUD IN A JAR

This delightful mini storm doesn't make a total mess in the house—promise. We asked Peggy LeMone, a scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, to explain the experiment: "Think of the shaving cream as a cloud, which in real life is made of tiny water drops too light to fall to the ground. Inside the cloud, some droplets collide, merge, and become heavy raindrops, which are the pretty colors seen here."

You'll need: A clear jar or glass, water, shaving cream, food coloring, dropper or straw.

1. Fill the jar three quarters of the way with water.
2. Add shaving cream to completely cover the water's surface.
3. In separate cups, mix a few drops of each food coloring with water.
4. Transfer one color into the dropper (or use a straw and your finger to create suction). Slowly release the dye into the cloud. Wait a minute or two for the dye to travel downward through the shaving cream before adding another color.

