

Catch a Cloud



Clouds

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Toddler
1.5 - 2.5 years

Up, up and away! Kids will love to race around and catch all the balloons in the air. Take this activity outside and use mother nature as an advantage. Can you catch them when a big gust of wind hits?

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Physical

Indicator:

Gaining the ability to control their movements

Skills:

Gross motor



Materials

- White balloons
- Fan



Instructions

Step 1: Blow up a few white balloons. This task might be tricky for younger kiddos but definitely a great activity for older kiddos to expand their lungs!

Step 2: Set up a fan in an open area and start by turning it on low. Have your child stand near the fan ready to catch some balloons.

Step 3: Start with one balloon at a time and throw the balloons in front of the fan. Encourage your child to play keep up with the balloon clouds.

Step 4: Once your child is more comfortable, turn the speed on the fan up or toss in more balloons to keep the game going and to keep them on their toes. Be extra careful not to drop any clouds!



Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: Older kiddos love a competition. Make this a game if you have a group of children - who can keep the most clouds afloat? Can you keep them up without moving your feet?

For younger toddlers: Younger toddlers will love the floating clouds and one may be all they need! Play an easy game of catch and focus on keeping one balloon up without a fan or adding more cloud balloons.



Playful Questions

- How many clouds can you keep up at once?
- How high can you push your cloud?
- If we turn the fan up will it make it easier or harder to keep the clouds up?
- What would happen if we have a fan that turns as it blows air?
- Can you keep up the clouds while balancing on one foot?