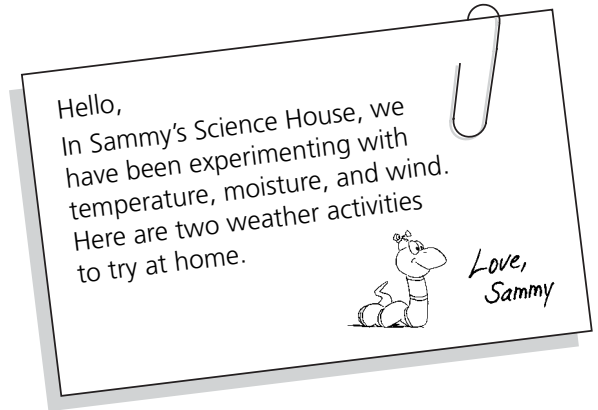




## Weather Machine Together Time

### Weather Forecaster

Have your child predict how many days will be sunny in the next month. Write this number on the calendar. Each sunny day, have your child mark the calendar with a yellow crayon or highlighter. At the end of the month, count up the number of "yellow marked" days with your child. Compare that number with the prediction. Older children may enjoy predicting rainy or snowy days in addition to sunny days. You may want to help your child by discussing seasons, clouds, or typical weather patterns of your region.



### Wind Watch

Help your child make a simple wind indicator. Cut a plastic bread wrapper into strips about an inch wide (starting at the open end and cutting three-fourths of the way up the length of the wrapper). Tie a piece of string tightly around the closed end of the wrapper and then tie the wind indicator to an exposed tree branch. Each day, have your child check the wind indicator and record a symbol, representing the strength of the wind, on the calendar or a chart. For example, sketch the wrapper standing straight out for a strong wind, slightly "furlled" for a light wind, and hanging down for no wind. When possible, watch or listen to the weather report at the end of the day and talk about your child's observations in comparison with the weather report.

