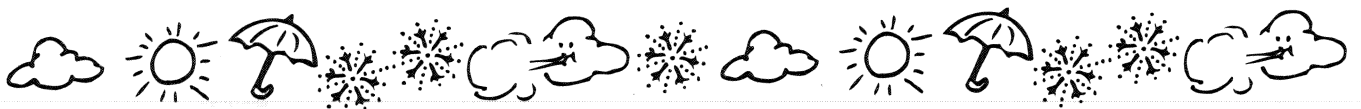
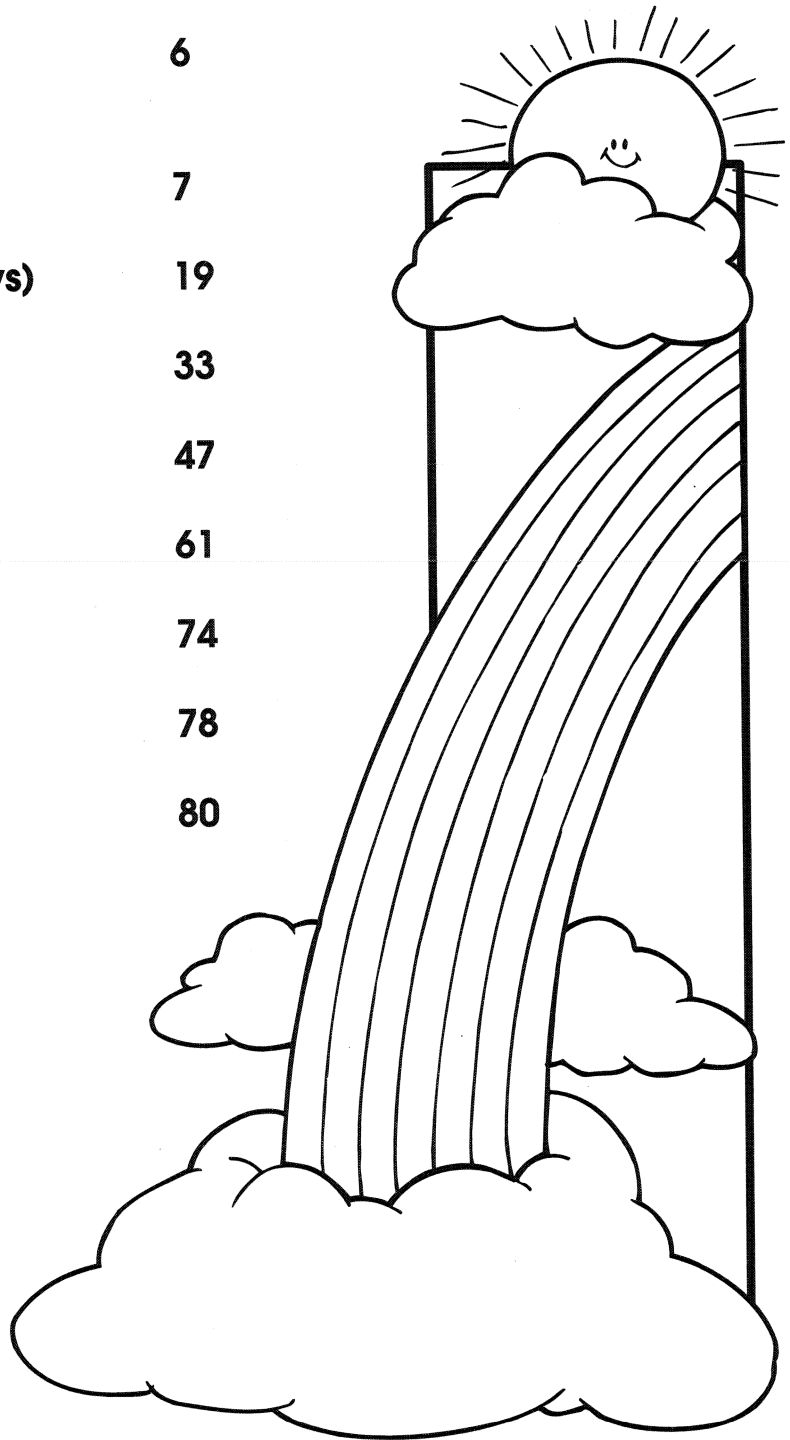

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CLOUDS

Introduction

- **Let's Read:**

It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles G. Shaw (HarperCollins, 1994). Each page of this bright blue and white book shows a cloud in an identifiable shape. Children will enjoy looking at the pictures and calling out the shapes. This classic picture book is now available as a board book, too.

- **Let's Talk:**

After reading *It Looked Like Spilt Milk*, plan a cloud-watching day. On a day when there are clouds in the sky, take the children outside. Have them look at the clouds. Do they see any images?

- **Let's Learn:**

Look for these three types of clouds with the children: cumulus, stratus and cirrus. Cumulus clouds are large puffs of warm air that float upward. They are often dark. Sometimes cumulus clouds in the sky mean there is going to be a storm. Stratus clouds look like large flat blankets covering the sky. Cirrus clouds can look like feathers or frost on a window. They are so high in the sky that the water in them freezes into ice crystals. Cirrus clouds are often called ice clouds. See the patterns (p. 18) for drawings of these cloud types.

Refer to the **Non-fiction**

Resources for additional books about clouds.

