Required information during the PD

Lesson	Clouds	Planned		
Title		Teaching Date		
Looming Objective				

Learning Objective

Through listening to informational text Clouds and observing clouds and weather in an outdoor investigation students develop an understanding of clouds and weather.

Essential Question (s)

What are clouds?

What can clouds tell us about the weather?

Materials

- Primary text: <u>Clouds (Nat Geo)</u>
- · Supporting text: Come on Rain
- · Cloud chart https://www.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-10/holeclouds1.pdf
- · Weather Tools (thermometers, anemometer, cloud charts)
- · Scissors
- Glue sticks
- · Pencil
- Student journals

Bloom's Level and Question(s) or DOK

- Distinguish features of clouds (Bloom's level 1)
- Make observations and compare clouds (Bloom's levels 1 & 2)
- Infer what clouds can tell about the current and future weather (Bloom's level 4)

Reading, Writing, & Science Literacy Connections	Standards Emphasis
National Geographic Book Title: Clouds	Different clouds tell us about the weather, current and future. Weather and clouds have patterns, both daily and seasonally.
	VA Science 2018: 1.7 (weather and seasonal changes) 2.6 (types of weather) NGSS <u>K-ESS2-1 Earth's Systems Next</u> <u>Generation Science Standards</u>
Supplementary Book Title Come on Rain	VA Science 2018: 1.7, 2.6

Outdoor Activity (connected to the readings) • Cloud and weather observations	VA Science 2018: 1.1 (science & engineering practices), 1.7 VA Science 2018: 2.1, 2.6
Writing Activity Use one word from your outdoor observations to write an acrostic poem	VA English 20

Differentiation

- Listening to a read-aloud, reading with a partner
- Create a play to act out how the clouds move
- Listen to or read a weather report and interpret it to the class.



Assessment	Vocabulary
Formative- Listen & observe: Are students	
using the appropriate vocabulary to discuss	
clouds and weather as they observe?	Cloud
	Weather
Summative- Can students predict what	Rain
weather can result from the types of clouds in	
the sky?	

Hook/Engage

Listen to the cloud sound https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQbSN4ST9kM

Guided Lesson/Instructional Strategy

- 1. Read *Clouds* (either as a class or in student groups). (This may be a full activity or you may read an excerpt, depending on your reading strategies.) Discuss- what is this book about? What is the author's purpose?
- 2. Outdoor investigation-
 - Students lie down for a sky stare. Ask: What do you see in the sky? Can what the sky looks like, or what is in the sky, tell you about the day?
 - Do: Observe the clouds and draw them in your journal. If able, write words to describe what you see.
 - Discuss: Bring the class together to share their cloud discoveries and

observations.

- Ask: How were clouds different or the same? Use a whiteboard and graphic organizer if desired.
- 3. Create an acrostic poem from one of the words you used to describe the clouds. (Alternatively, use a list of cloud types for students to choose from.) Write or glue your weather poem into your journal.
- 4. Outdoor activity #2- Students observe more of the weather outside. They can observe the wind, the precipitation, temperature, and more as time allows.
 - a. Ask, what does the weather feel like to you? How does the weather make you feel?

Technology/Computer Science	Expected student products or learning objectives met	
None, unless students compose their poems	-Mandatory:	
using computers.	-Optional/preferred:	
Reflection/Notes	Supporting Resources	