

When it's Raining

This activity accompanies “Time to Tinker Roun’!,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5157.

Activity Title: When it’s Raining

Description: The students will write a poem about what they like to do when it is raining outside.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a poem about what he or she likes to do when it is raining outside.

Materials:

- “Time to Tinker Roun’!” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Markers, colored pencils, crayons, etc.

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea and dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work individually to write a poem about what they like to do when it is raining outside. When the students are finished writing, have them illustrate their poem. Finally, have the students present their poems in front of the class.

