RED RUBBER BOOT DAY

A slippery, splashy, rainy day! What kind of day is it when rain is raining and puddles are everywhere? It's a red rubber boot day, of course!

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Don't you love the way it smells outside when it's getting ready to rain? Have your child stand on the step with you and smell what it smells like when it's going to rain. It's good for a child to get a little "in tune" with weather. South Dakota is great for treating us to all kinds of interesting weather!!

Most kids love to play outside but a rainy day doesn't mean they can't still have fun. Put together an in-door-fun-box for rainy days. If your child feels badly about not getting to go outside to play, pull out the in-door box and surprise them with simple fun things that can get their creative juices flowing. Add some old curtain panels, shoes and hats for costumes. A box of new colors or washable markers is always a great treat. Add them to a tablet of paper or a roll of old wrapping paper (the back side) and they're on their way to becoming a famous artist! All of these items can be added to the box as you find them and it isn't such a strain on your budget either!