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# Kim and Carrots

by Clara Vulliamy



Down in the pond, Kim sees  
three goldfish swimming.



Up high, Kim sees a beautiful  
blue dragonfly flying.

A spotted green frog leaps  
into the pond.



Carrots is excited and leans too close.  
Carrots wobbles . . . and teeters . . .



and falls right in. Uh-oh!



Daddy helps Carrots out of the pond.

Kim cuddles Carrots, all wrapped up warm and dry in Kim's scarf.



# Blackbird

Traditional American Rhyme ✨ Art by Amy Schimler-Safford

Blackbird whistle, woodpecker drum,

“Spring has come, spring has come.”

Cardinal sing in the maple tree,

“Spring is here for you and me.”

Longer day and shorter night,

Little child, bring out your kite.





Follow me to the Guide for Caregivers!



# Dandelions

by Teisha L. C. Strelow ✨ Art by Jaime Jimyung Kim

I see flowers in our yard.  
Some are yellow, like the sun.



Some are white, like Grandpa's hair.



I can pick the yellow ones.



The wind makes the white ones fly.  
See them dancing in the air!



# I Can't See the Wind

by Ellen M. Troup \* Art by Alicia Padrón

I can't see the wind, but I know it's there.  
It cools my face, and it ruffles my hair.  
It lifts my kite up in the sky,  
And whispers as it passes by.



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# Clouds

by Marjorie M. Pearce ✨ Art by Clare Fennell



Where do the clouds all hurry to  
across the windy sky?



The willow knows. It nods and bends  
and waves them all goodbye.



Maybe someday I'll follow them  
when I have learned to fly.





LET'S EXPLORE  
*Here Comes the Wind*

by Dennis R. Brown



*Whoosh!* The wind blows the boats  
over the water. See how it fills  
their pretty sails.



*Wow!* The wind catches my kite.  
Now it's dancing in the sky!



*Woof!* The wind huffs and puffs and twirls our hair.





A FIRST CONCEPT  
**How MUCH Breath?**

by Susan Griner ♥ Art by Sara Palacios

If you puff and you puff  
the flower turns to fluff.



When you blow low and slow  
the bubbles start to flow.



When you wish and you *whoosh*  
the candles are all shushed.





# guide for caregivers



**BABYBUG is for babies who love to be read to—and for adults who love to read to them. Here are a few tips to help you get the most out of this “me and the wind” issue of BABYBUG.**

**1. Blackbird:** What’s that pretty sound? Birds singing in the trees. When you notice your baby listening to a sound, show him what makes it. Point the bird out, say its name, and imitate the sound.

**2. Dandelions:** Like the little girl in this story, most youngsters see dandelions as one of childhood’s treasures. Find a young dandelion plant with your child and visit it every few days. You might see a bud form and bloom before going to seed and drifting off on the breeze.

**3. How Much Breath?:** Your child might like to “blow low and slow” to

watch the bubbles flow! Try this homemade bubble solution: Stir together ½ cup of dishwashing liquid, 1 cup of water, and 1 teaspoon of sugar.

When Kim and Carrots play with water, they get a little wet! Visit [babybugmagkids.com](http://babybugmagkids.com) to find out why that’s OK—plus, more tips for playing with those cheerful dandelions.

— Sally Nurss, M.Ed.



*Coming soon!* The April issue of BABYBUG is all about spring colors. Send us a photo of your little one playing with a colorful toy and we’ll post it on our website. Email your photos to [babybug@babybugmagkids.com](mailto:babybug@babybugmagkids.com).

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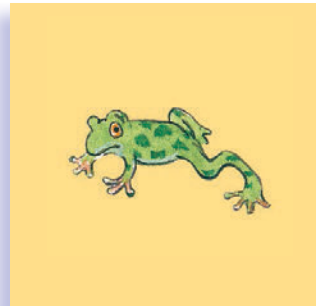
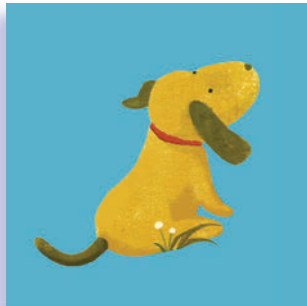


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