

## Disaster Ready Kids Program Resource List 2017

### **BOOKS**

*A Guide to Weather* by William Burroughs, Bob Crowder, Ted Robertson, Eleanor Vallier-Talbot, and Richard Whitaker. Whatever your interests—nature, aviation, sailing, hiking—weather will help you recognize and interpret weather signs each day, and enhance your knowledge of the natural world. This is a good book for studying weather and getting ideas for your next science or social studies projects!! Grades 5 and up

*A Safety Book About Being Prepared* by Joy Berry. This book thoroughly goes through all of the steps kids can take to stay safe. The book outlines the importance of contact information for themselves, their parents, and emergency personnel. The book also outlines the need for an emergency supply kit and how to get out of a fire safely.

*Animals Helping After Disaster* by Jennifer Zeiger. While children can understand and appreciate why we all love our pets and take care of them, this book show children how animals including dogs, horses, and monkeys all have a part in helping people before, during, and after disasters.

*Being Safe with Weather* by Susan Kesselring. This illustrated book describes to children how to stay safe during all kinds of weather.

*Blackout* by John Rocco. One hot summer night in the city, all the power goes out. The TV shuts off and a boy wails, "Mommm!" His sister can no longer use the phone, Mom can't work on her computer, and Dad can't finish cooking dinner. What's a family to do? When they go up to the roof to escape the heat, they find the lights--in stars that can be seen for a change--and so many neighbors it's like a block party in the sky! On the street below, people are having just as much fun--talking, rollerblading, and eating ice cream before it melts. The boy and his family enjoy being not so busy for once. They even have time to play a board game together. When the electricity is restored, everything can go back to normal . . . but not everyone likes normal. The boy switches off the lights, and out comes the board game again.

*Bob the Builder-Bob's Snowy Day* by Annie Auerbach. Bob the Builder learns how to deal with cold and snow. Ages Baby to Pre-school.

*Bob the Builder-Scoop Saves the Day* by Diane Redmond. It was a wild and stormy night. All across town thunder crashed, lightning flashed, and rain poured down. By morning the storm had stopped, but a lot of damage had been done. Bob the Builder was the first to hear about it and used his resources to assist with the town's recovery efforts! Ages Baby to Pre-school

*Chimp and Zee and the Big Storm* by Catherine and Laurence Anholt. There's a big storm blowing over Jungletown, but Chimp and Zee are tired of playing inside their house in the coconut tree. Of course the mischievous twins can't resist monkeying around and it isn't long before a huge gust of wind sweeps them up, up and away into an amazing wet and windy adventure. Will Mumkey and Papkey be able to save them? Ages 4-8.

*Clifford and the Big Storm* by Norman Bridwell. Clifford the Big Red Dog and his friends are enjoying the beach when a big storm arrives. Clifford does some quick mitigation efforts to save Grandma's cottage and to save the lighthouse. He also does a puppy rescue in a flooded dog house. Ages 4 to 8.

*Clifford Keeps Cool* by Norman Bridwell. Clifford the Big Red Dog teaches his friends how to survive a hot summer drought. Ages Baby to Pre-school

*Do Tornadoes Really Twist?* by Gilda Berger. This book answers some very creative questions about tornadoes and other storms that kids ask such as how hurricanes get their names, what tornadoes look like from a distance, and many more.

***Down Comes The Rain*** by Franklyn M. Branley. After rain comes down, the sun comes out and dries the puddles. But the water isn't gone. The heat from the sun has turned it into water vapor—it has evaporated. Eventually, this moisture in the air condenses to form new clouds. Soon the rain will fall again. Read on to find out all the ups and downpours of the water cycle! Ages 5 to 9.

***Exploring Natural Disasters (Eyes on Adventure)*** by Stella Sands. Set your Eyes on Adventure as you witness nature at its most destructive. And find out how we cope with the uncontrollable - including volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods.

***Eye of the Storm: A Book about Hurricanes*** by Rick Thomas. A super-sized storm blasts in from sea. The hurricane has landed. Find out how these giant storms build and what happens when they reach shore.

***Flash, Crash, Rumble, and Roll*** by Franklyn M. Branley. Did you know that lightning bolts can be over a mile long? Or that they come from clouds that are ten miles high? Read and find out about the flash, crash, rumble, and roll of thunderstorms. Ages 4 to 8

***Floods! A Scholastic Wild Weather Book*** by Lorraine Jean Hopping. High interest story of a Vermont River that freezes, jams and dams and is followed by terrible flooding. A warning system put in much earlier warns the towns people below and they are able to escape the havoc that flooding can bring.

***Floods - A True Book*** by Paul P. and Diane M. Sipiera. Flood facts and how floods start. Ages 4 to 8.

***Floods! A Weather Channel Book*** by Ellen Keller. Every year floods occur in the US, causing damage and threatening lives. How do they form, and what can people do to help prevent them? Which floods were the worst in history? These questions and many more are answered in this book—full of fascinating facts, addresses of flood-related Web sites to visit, eyewitness accounts by kids who have experienced flood disasters, and full-color photographs. Ages 7+

***Franklin and the Thunderstorm*** by Paulette Bourgeois. When a storm approaches while he is playing at Fox's house, a flash of lightning sends Franklin into his shell.

***Freddy the Frogcaster*** by Janice Dean. Freddy the Frogcaster loves learning about the weather, and he's known for having the best predictions in town. But what happens when the town picnic is almost ruined by a storm that catches the local frogcaster by surprise? Freddy has to step in to save the day!

***Freddy the Frogcaster and the Big Blizzard*** by Janice Dean. There's a blizzard blowing toward Lilypad and someone has to warn the frogs! Frog News Network meteorologist Sally Croaker is busy in the newsroom and Polly Woggins is preparing for live broadcasts in the snow. It's up to Freddy the Frogcaster to spread the news and get everyone prepared for the snow storm!

***Freddy the Frogcaster and the Huge Hurricane*** by Janice Dean. Freddy the Frogcaster is tracking the weather at Frog News Network when he realizes a huge hurricane is coming! Can the town of Lilypad prepare for the storm in time? Can Freddy report the weather on TV and make sure his family and friends are safe?

***Freddy the Frogcaster and the Terrible Tornado*** by Janice Dean. Freddy the Frogcaster is faced with one of the most ferocious and devastating kinds of weather: the tornado. Young readers will learn all about how big storms occur and produce some of nature's most destructive weather. As Freddy reminds us, please be prepared and know what to do and where to go when the next bad storm comes your way!

***Harriett the Hurricane*** by Elizabeth Mills. This book allows children to explore a hurricane from the perspective of the storm itself. Harriett is just a cloud when she decides to start spinning thereby forming a tropical depression then a hurricane. Children get to learn all about hurricanes in a fun new way.

***Helping Children Cope with Disasters and Terrorism*** by La Greca, Silverman, Vernberg and Roberts. This book demonstrates that children and adolescents do have significant reactions that can interfere with their current and future psychological adjustment. This book reviews the research and intervention literature on a broad range of natural and man-

made disasters, from floods and house fires to acts of terrorism and war. Chapter authors document children's reactions, identifying factors that may predict or, alternatively, buffer against severe trauma responses.

***Hurricanes*** by Matt Doeden. An informative book about hurricanes, how they start, how people get ready when a hurricane is coming and when most hurricanes happen. Ages 5+

***I can be Safe*** by Lesley Harker. During emergencies it is natural for children to be scared. This book shows children what they can do to feel safe and secure when an emergency occurs. It covers things such as crossing a road, knowing emergency numbers, and sports safety.

***Ice Storm! The 1998 Freeze*** by Bob Temple. On January 5, 1998, as people in Canada and the Northeastern United States slept, a cold freezing rain began to fall. Thick layers of ice quickly covered trees. The weight of the ice caused branches to bend before they snapped and crashed to the ground. Soon power lines shorted out, creating colorful light shows. This was just the beginning of the Great Ice Storm of 1998. Ages 7+

***If Hurricanes Were Candy Canes*** by Barbara Moss. This book allows children to cope with their fears and concerns about hurricanes and their aftermath.

***I'll Know What To Do – A Kid's Guide to Natural Disasters*** by Bonnie S. Mark, PhD, and Aviva Layton. Earthquakes, floods, fires, tornadoes, hurricanes—pretty scary words, especially for anyone who lives in a place that has experienced any of these events. In particular, a child who has survived a natural disaster, or seen one on television, may have trouble falling asleep, have nightmares, or start worrying too much. Ages 9 to 12.

***It's Fun to be Prepared*** by B.R. Snyder. This book empowers children to be a part of the preparedness process in understanding why we create a disaster supply kit, conduct drills, and make a family emergency plan.

***Just a Thunderstorm*** by Gina and Mercer Mayer. During a big thunderstorm, Mom and Dad find lots of ways to comfort Little Critter and his sister. Mom makes a fun dinner and Dad lights the candles as they both share their wisdom about thunder, lightning—and rainbows! Ages 3-5.

***Just in Case*** by Judith Viorst. This is a fun book about a boy named Charlie who imagines all kinds of scenarios and has ways to be ready for anything.

***Kat & Mouse: The Ice Storm*** by Alex de Campi. As winter sets in, the students of Dover Academy have one thing on their minds—the Snow Ball, Dover's annual holiday dance. For Chloe, Mimi and Ruth, the Snow Ball is a chance to show off their expensive new dresses and cement their status as the most popular girls at school. Ages 8+

***Let's Get Ready! Emergency Awareness for Kids (Ages 6 and Up)*** by Emergency Research Center Inc. Covers four basic emergencies--storm, flood, fire, and earthquake--and features mnemonics to help children remember important steps to make before, during and after their occurrence.

***Lightning*** by Seymour Simon. Scientists say that the recent discoveries of elves, sprites, and jets make it likely that there are more forms of lightning that we don't know anything about yet. Lightning flashes may even have been detected on other planets, such as Jupiter and Venus. Despite all we have learned since Ben Franklin's experiment over two hundred years ago, lightning remains a mystery that we are only slowly beginning to understand. Ages 5 to 9.

***Lily: A True Story of Courage and the Joplin Tornado*** by Carolyn Mueller. Join Lily as she lives right, trains hard and fights the good fight. This is a true story of hope and hometown heroes, celebrating the courageous spirit of a city and very special dog. For ages 8-12.

***Living in Shelters (Disaster Alert!)*** by Bobbie Kalman. This book gives information about shelters, how they are built, where they are located in communities, how clients are processed when they arrive, how the shelters meet basic needs, how to stay clean and healthy in shelters, and how to cope with stress.

***Miss Twiggley's Tree***, by Dorothea Warren Fox. Funny Miss Twiggley lived in a tree, with a dog named Puss and a color TV. The townspeople made fun of Miss Twiggley's eccentric ways until a flood happened and Miss Twiggley's "elevated" home turned into a shelter for many of the people who had thought Miss Twiggley strange until this resourceful night! Ages 4 to 8.

***My Flood Story – A guided activity workbook for children, families and teachers*** by Gilbert Kliman, M.D. and Edward Oklan. A simple straightforward guide that encourages healthy expression, learning and coping. Use it to help children, teenagers and families overcome bad memories and fears. "My Flood Story" is one of many disaster books published by The Children's Psychological Health Center. All ages.

***Oh Say Can you Say What's the Weather Today?*** by Tish Rabe. The Cat and company travel by hot air balloon up and into various weather phenomena including rain, snow, thunder, tornadoes, and (yikes!) even hurricanes! Along the way they learn about thermometers, anemometers, wind vanes, cloud formations, humidity, fog, smog, weather folklore, and how to stay safe in lightning. Written and illustrated in Seussian style, this a great addition to the Cat in the Hat's Learning Library!

***Otis and the Tornado*** by Loren Long. Otis and his farm friends are enjoying a summer's day playing their favorite game, follow-the-leader. The bull, however, has no interest in making friends and delights in scaring the other animals. Suddenly the day turns frightening: the birds stop chirping, the wind picks up, and the sky turns dark and stormy. It's a tornado! Ages 3 and up.

***Our Powerful Planet: The Curious Kid's Guide to Tornadoes, Earthquakes, and Other Phenomena*** by Tim O'Shei. You'll get a close-up look at the science behind some of the most common, destructive and mysterious phenomena. You'll also learn about the effects global warming has on our environment, and in some cases, you'll see how global warming is affecting different phenomena. Ages 7 to 9.

***Snow*** by Roy Mckie and P.D. Eastman. This classic Beginner Book edited by Dr. Seuss is a delightful ode to winter. *Brrrrr!* It snowed! From snowball fights and skiing to fort building and snowman making.

***STORM*** by Matchbox Books. A book about storm chasers and the work that they do and the lessons that they learn. Ages 4+

***Storm in the Night*** by Pat Cummings. Too early to go to bed, and with only flashes of lightning to see by, Thomas and his grandfather happily find themselves rediscovering the half-forgotten scents and sounds of their world, and having a wonderful time learning important, new things about each other in a spirited conversation sparked by darkness. Ages 4 to 8.

***Storm is Coming*** by Heather Tekavec. As the news travels across the farm, the animals fear the worst. Who is this terrifying creature named Storm? Huddled in the barn, the animals anxiously wait for his arrival. But when the sky gets darker, growling fiercely and flashing bright lights, the animals are relieved. The sky must be trying to protect them by scaring away Storm. For the K-2 age group.

***Storm Song*** by Nancy Viau. As thunder and lightning approach, a family gathers inside to play, sing, eat, and snuggle together until the weather clears. This sweet story captures both the excitement of a thunderstorm and the reassurance children need during a storm.

***Storms*** by Seymour Simon. In a clear, concise text and spectacular full-color photographs, noted science writer Seymour Simon examines thunderstorms, tornadoes, and hurricanes, explaining how they form and why they die out. Ages 5 to 9.

***Story of a Storm: A Book about Hurricane Katrina*** by Reona Visser. The story starts with preparation and evacuation, moves through the stresses of being displaced and not knowing the whereabouts of loved ones or the condition of one's home and belongings, and ends with a message of the persistence of hope.

***Tap Tap Boom Boom*** by Elizabeth Bluemle. The clouds are gathering above a city street and soon — tap, tap, boom, boom! As a thunderstorm rolls in, people of all stripes race down to the subway to get away from the crackling rain and wind.

***The Adventures of Julia and Robbie the Disaster Twins*** by Federal Emergency Management Agency. These stories will teach important actions to take in a natural disaster and include ways for children to prepare for disasters and lessen the chance they'll cause damage.

***The Adventures of Lady: The Big Storm*** by Iris Pearson & Mike Merrill. A coloring book filled with pictures of Lady's first adventure through the big storm.

***The Adventures of Lady: The Big Storm*** by Iris Pearson & Mike Merrill. A story of Lady's adventure through her first big storm.

***The Adventures of Terry the Turtle and Gracie the Wonder Dog***. Created by the Washington Military Department of Emergency Management. This booklet will help children prepare for disasters. Knowledge is power, and knowing what to expect and what to do will increase their confidence when disasters occur. Grades 3 to 6

***The Behemoth Blizzard Mystery*** by Carole Marsh. It's "snow" wonder when Artemis, Nick and Curie—a sort-of-crazy scientist father and his super-smart kids—end up in the worst snowstorm predicted in years! Dad comes down with the flu. The hotel hosts are hiding something. Their experiment goes haywire! And of course, it's hard to solve a mystery when the world is all white and everyone and everything is invisible in a BEHEMOTH BLIZZARD! Grades 3-5.

***The Big Honeypot Rescue: Winnie the Pooh*** by McGraw-Hill. This book is designed to teach preschool aged children to learn to read while discussing the impact of flooding at a home. Ages Baby to Preschool

***The Littles and the Summer Storm*** by John Preston. Thunder booms...lightning flashes...rain pours down. This is a storm that the Littles will never forget! Ages 5+

***The Magic School Bus Kicks up a Storm*** by Joanna Cole. One hot muggy day, a superhero appears in Ms. Frizzle's classroom—it's Weatherman! Actually, it's only Ralphie. He's pretending he has superpowers and says he can start a thunderstorm that will cool everything off. Grade level 2-4

***The Snow Blew Inn*** by Dian Curtis Regan. This cozy story is about family, friendship, and sharing during a snow storm.

***The Snowstorm*** by Richard Scarry. This book talks about automobile safety during a snow storm.

***The Snowy Day*** by Ezra Jack Keats. The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day. No book has captured the magic and sense of possibility of the first snowfall better than *The Snowy Day*. Universal in its appeal, the story has become a favorite of millions, as it reveals a child's wonder at a new world, and the hope of capturing and keeping that wonder forever.

***The Storm*** by Marc Harshman. Jonathan hated feeling different. He hated being singled out. Why would he be more afraid of a storm than his classmates, just because he was in a wheelchair? The discussion of tornadoes went on until school was out. He was glad to get home. He had the horses to tend but it was a job he liked. He hears the storm warnings and hurries to finish. Suddenly, in the west appears the black wall of storm, and out of it, the tornado. Grade level 3-4

***The Storm*** by Kathy Henderson "All this is mine!" Jim shouts triumphantly, as he plays on the grassy bank near his house. But soon the sky grows dark, the wind picks up, and a terrible storm howls in from the sea. As Jim and his mother run from the rising water and wait in safety for the tide to turn, Jim develops a new respect for nature and its power. Ages 4-8.

***The Storm Book*** by Charlotte Zolotow. A summer storm sweeps over countryside, city, and seashore. People and animals alike listen to the rumble of the thunder and the patter of the rain, and wait for the storm to end. And when it does, something very special happens. "An outstanding book!" Ages 3 to 7.

***The Storm – The students of Biloxi, Mississippi remember Hurricane Katrina*** by Barbara Barbieri McGrath. It was a storm the people of Biloxi, Mississippi, like many other Gulf Coast residents, will never forget. Students, teachers, and

administrators from the Biloxi Public Schools share their stories from the days preceding Hurricane Katrina to those first days of recovery after the storm. Ages 5+

***The Treacherous Tornado Mystery*** by Carole Marsh. It happens every spring when the air and the earth begin to warm...Mother Nature wakes up from her long winter's nap, yawns, stretches...and tornado season is born! Grades 3-5.

***Thunder-Boomer!*** by Shutta Crum. A summer storm brings relief from the heat—and a surprise—to a farm family.

***Thunder Cake*** by Patricia Polacco. A loud clap of thunder booms and rattles the windows of Grandma's old farmhouse. "This is Thunder Cake baking weather," calls Grandma, as she and her granddaughter hurry to gather the ingredients around the farm. A real Thunder Cake must reach the oven before the storm arrives. But the list is long and not easy to find...and the storm is coming closer all the time! Grade level 3-4

***Time for Kids: Earthquakes*** by the Editors of *Time for Kids* with Barbara Collier. Developing readers can learn about the destruction that earthquakes can cause, including those that happen under the ocean to form tsunamis, and what precautions can be taken to make us safer. Get the inside scoop on the power of earthquakes! Ages 6 and up.

***Tornado*** by Betsy Byars. This book is about a family who is taking shelter during a storm. The farmhand, Pete, calms the children with stories from his youth about a dog aptly named Tornado.

***Tornadoes*** by Matt Doeden. An informative book about tornadoes and how they are formed, where they strike and how to stay safe during a tornado. Ages 5+

***Tornadoes!*** By Gail Gibbons. Here is information on how tornadoes are formed, how they are classified, where they most commonly appear, and what to do if you find out one is approaching. Ages 5 and up.

***Tornadoes*** by Seymour Simon. Find out about the strongest winds on earth, where and how they are created, and how to protect yourself. Ages 6 to 10.

***Twister*** by Darleen Bailey Beard. The story, both thrilling and reassuring, recounts an experience familiar to many children. Tenderly written, it shows how people, young and old, face natural disaster and simply go on. Grade level 2-4

***Two Bobbies – A true story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship and Survival*** by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery. Bobbi and Bob Cat are the best of friends. When their hometown of New Orleans was struck by Hurricane Katrina, many lost everything. But not Bobbi and Bob Cat—they still had each other. Only by staying together could they survive. Ages 4 – 8

***Watching the Weather*** by Edana Eckart. A story of how the weather changes during a storm. Ages 4+

***Wild Weather: Lightning*** by Jody Wheeler. This book takes a science approach for kids to understand lightning both as a danger and a benefit to the environment.

***Wildfires*** by Seymour Simon. A raging wildfire can be a major disaster, costing lives and destroying homes. But fires in nature can help as well as harm, clearing forests of dead trees and allowing young plants to grow. Breathtaking photos highlight this surprising look at fire's part in maintaining the balance of nature.

## **VIDEOS**

***Bill Nye the Science Guy: Storms (DVD)*** by Disney Educational Productions. In *Storms*, see what happens when huge masses of air collide. Destructive or not, storms benefit us. The tropical regions of the Earth would be too hot to inhabit—and the sub polar regions too cold—if we didn't have hurricanes and typhoons to distribute the Earth's heat so efficiently. Grades 4 to 8.

***Code Red Rover, Grown Up Come Over (DVD)*** by Home Safety Council. Meet Rover, the Home Safety Hound, and his friend, Freddie Flashlight, as they help a real family learn to prevent home injuries.

***Code Red Rover, Grown Up Come Over*** (VHS) by Home Safety Council. Meet Rover, the Home Safety Hound, and his friend, Freddie Flashlight, as they help a real family learn to prevent home injuries.

***Eyewitness DVD: Weather*** (DVD) by DK Publishing. Weather takes you on a whirlwind tour of Earth's turbulent atmosphere and reveals the forces that make the day fair or foul. From hurricane to heat wave, weather is the most closely watched wild card in nature—yet it can still baffle us every day.

***FEMA for Kids Becoming a Disaster Action Kid*** (CD) by Federal Emergency Management Agency. Games, Quizzes and Challenges. Companion to the FEMA for Kids website at [www.fema.gov/kids](http://www.fema.gov/kids)

***Get Ready with Freddie*** (DVD) by Home Safety Council - helps kids to know the importance of being prepared.

***Mimi Mouse Learns to Prepare for Emergencies*** (DVD) by Channing Bete. Storybook video helps preschoolers and their families feel ready for emergencies. Ages 2 – 5

***Miss Twiggley's Tree*** (DVD) by First National Pictures. For over forty years, children have been enchanted by the shy and strange Miss Twiggley, who lives in a comfy tree house on the outskirts of a small village. She and her grocery-shopping dog, Puss, entertain bears and are considered peculiar by the townsfolk. "Simply disgraceful," they say—but their opinions change when a hurricane hits and Miss Twiggley and friends come to the rescue!

***Science & Technology National Archives: Flood Weather*** (DVD) by National Archives of the United States. Experience the American Journey through our country's visual heritage in this historical recording provided by the National Archives of the United States. Ages Adult

***Sesame Street Let's Get Ready*** (DVD) by Sesame Workshop and Public Service Enterprise Group. This program provides tips, activities, and other easy tools to help the whole family prepare for emergencies – together! Pre-school

***Story Teller Café: The Storm*** (DVD) by CBN Animations. This episode is a delightful show about the miraculous construction of the Ark and the promise that God made to all of us in the form of a rainbow. Ages 4 to 12.

***The Adventures of Disaster Dudes*** (VHS) by Federal Emergency Management Agency. The imaginary adventures of three young friends help them learn how they can get ready for a disaster. This 13-minute video is divided into three segments to help guide a discussion about disaster preparedness with children in the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades.