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Seeds & Sprouts: Rainy Day Plan

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If it rains, either before the start of the tour or during, the centers can be amended as follows. The Outdoor Timer and the class teachers will make the decision to come inside. Stations will be 10 minutes unless the Timers decide otherwise.

- Outdoor soil station becomes the potting activity. Take more time with the students in talking about each step, allowing them to write their names on the pots, talking about how long the seed may take to sprout, and discussing the things that they will need to do to properly care for their plant. You may wish to allow them to choose from the available seeds in the storage container.
  - This will take place in the east room.
- Outdoor light station becomes the rainbow CD activity and discussing the plants growing indoors. Essentially, we have the same amount of material to work with in this case as we did outside. In this case, though, demonstrate the rainbow “trick” and then allow each student to shine the flashlight to find his or her own rainbows. Talk then about all the same connections you would have if you were outside. You can still even talk about why plants won’t grow in the tunnel, etc.
  - This will take place in a corner space of the west room of the Teaching Greenhouse.
- Outdoor water station moves indoors and does more or less the same thing. Bring in a hyacinth and put it into a bucket and you can do the same activities and discussions as you would do outside.
  - This activity will take place in east entry way of the Teaching Greenhouse.

If the rain starts after outdoor activities have begun, move indoors and proceed in the same order but substituting the above activities at that point. If the rain starts after half the class has potted, the outdoor soil person will have to use an alternate activity, either the soil game or guided inquiry with the supplies available.