

# Who Has Seen the Wind?

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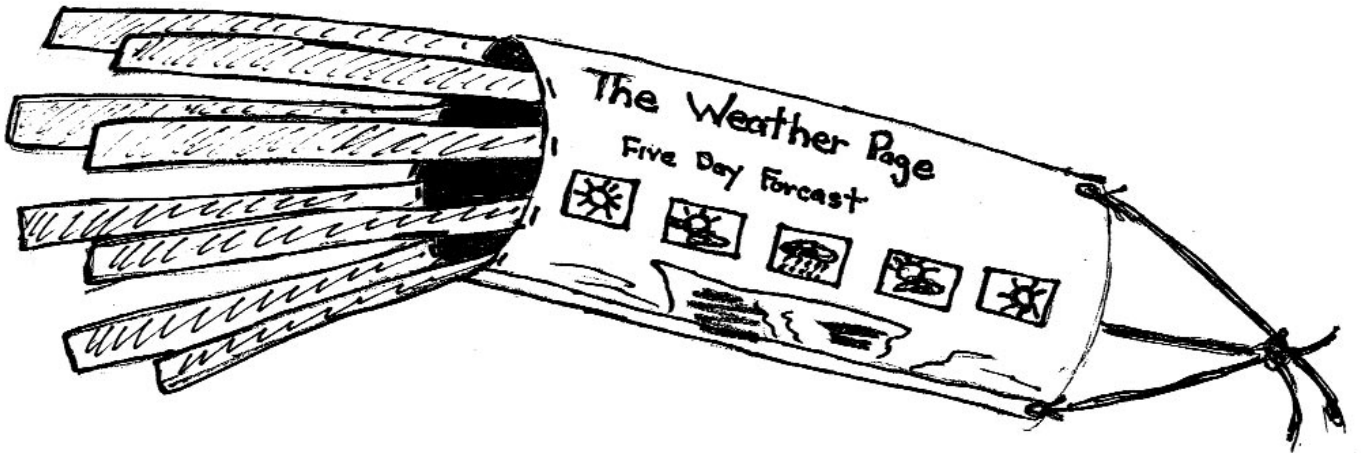
But when the leaves hang trembling,  
The wind is passing through.

Who has seen the wind?  
Neither you or I:

But when the leaves bow down their heads,  
The wind is passing by.

*Christina Rossetti*

Yep! The March winds are blowing on the beaches and in the valleys of California's Central Coast. It's a good time of year to watch the winds. Tree branches bend, flags flutter, and hats fly away. Another way for children to see the wind blow is by observing air filled windsocks that they make themselves.



Here's how we do it in first grade:

1. Collect as many newspaper weather sections as you have children in your class. In our local newspaper, the weather page is at the back of the LOCAL News section; about four sheets thick.
2. Roll a 4" diameter tube making sure that the weather map and statistics are facing out. Staple the top and bottom edges to secure the tube. Then run a thin line of glue down the seam so the wind won't tear the sock.
3. Next, glue or staple 2x18" strips of colorful crape paper to the bottom of the tube.
4. Finally, punch three equally spaced holes about 1" from the top edge of the tube. Tie an 18" piece of yarn or string through each hole. Gather all three strings together and knot at the end.

There you have it. A whimsical but effective wind sock that can be attached to a pole or fence post and catch the wind for it's maker to see.

Have fun. Lynn