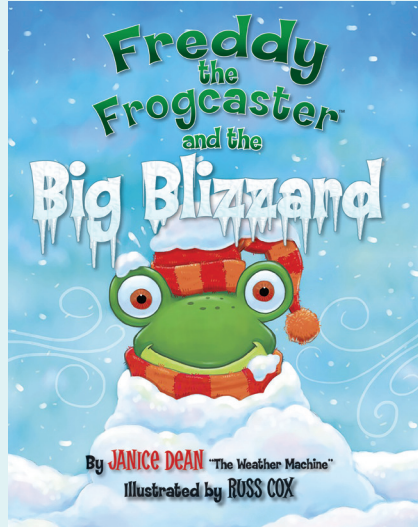


Watch Out for Winter Storms with



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Freddy the Frogcaster and the

Big Blizzard

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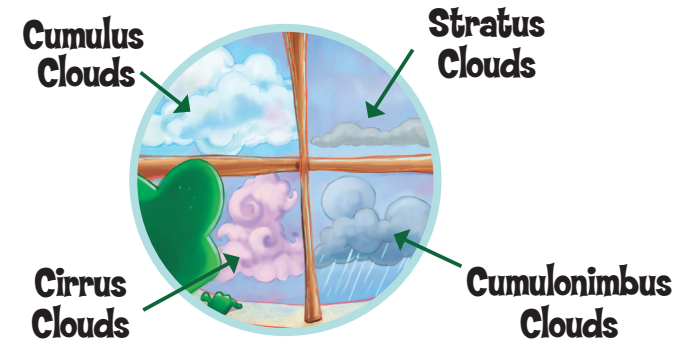
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CHECK FOR WINTER WEATHER CLUES!

Winter weather brings winter weather clues. You'll find winter clues in the same places you find weather clues in other seasons. But winter clues will look different. Clouds get dark and heavy. Temperatures drop and it gets cold outside—sometimes even freezing cold! Winds get blustery or blow in from a different direction. Precipitation looks a lot different in winter too (think ice, sleet, and snow, snow, beautiful snow!). What winter weather clues can you see and feel outside?

TYPES OF CLOUDS



	Clouds	Temperature	Wind	Precipitation
Monday My weather prediction for today is...				
Tuesday My weather prediction for today is...				
Wednesday My weather prediction for today is...				
Thursday My weather prediction for today is...				
Friday My weather prediction for today is...				

CHECK THE WEATHER NEWS!

Ask an adult to help you tune into a local news station on the radio, television, or online. What is the meteorologist saying about the weather? Is he or she forecasting snow? Is there a winter weather advisory? Is there a winter weather warning? Pay special attention to any winter weather alerts so you know when it is time to bundle up and **BE PREPARED!**



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There are two types of winter weather alerts. Warnings mean bad weather may be coming. Watches mean bad weather is happening now.





FREDDY'S WINTER WEATHER WATCHING TIPS

CLOUDS When winter weather turns cold, pay special attention to two kinds of clouds:

- » Thin, wispy **cirrus clouds** stretching out in strands across the sky mean a storm could be moving in today or tomorrow.
- » Dark, heavy, **stratus clouds** sitting low in the sky could mean snow is on the way.

TEMPERATURE in many regions tends to go from chilly to downright frosty during the winter months. Snow forms when moisture in clouds gets so cold that moisture freezes into ice crystals. When ground temperatures drop to the freezing point (32° Fahrenheit or 0° Celsius or below) these ice crystals fall to the ground as snow, ice, or sleet.

WIND is another important clue in winter weather. Blizzards happen when temperatures dip below freezing and winds blow at 35 miles per hour or more. On the east coast, a Nor'easter is a big storm that blows in from the northeast direction.

PRECIPITATION comes in many forms during the winter months. Rain, freezing rain, sleet, or snow can fall depending on other weather conditions.

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