



FORECAST FOLKLORE




Thanks to meteorologist, you can make plans for tomorrow and even the rest of the week. Long ago, farmers watched signs of nature and animal behavior to help them forecast the weather. Many folklore rhymes were written to help the farmers remember these signs. In the code below each letter has been given a number A=1, B=2, etc. Decode the words to learn the forecasting rhymes. See if you can figure out why some of these rhymes might be true.

- Dew on the grass, no $\frac{18}{18} \frac{1}{1} \frac{9}{9} \frac{14}{14}$ will pass.
- Flies will swarm, before a $\frac{19}{19} \frac{20}{20} \frac{15}{15} \frac{18}{18} \frac{13}{13}$.
- Rain is near, when your $\frac{3}{3} \frac{21}{21} \frac{18}{18} \frac{12}{12} \frac{19}{19}$ disappear.
- Clear moon, $\frac{6}{6} \frac{18}{18} \frac{15}{15} \frac{19}{19} \frac{20}{20}$ soon.
- Rain before seven, quit by $\frac{5}{5} \frac{12}{12} \frac{5}{5} \frac{22}{22} \frac{5}{5} \frac{14}{14}$.
- The sharper the $\frac{2}{2} \frac{12}{12} \frac{1}{1} \frac{19}{19} \frac{20}{20}$, the sooner it's past.
- No weather is ill, if the $\frac{23}{23} \frac{9}{9} \frac{14}{14} \frac{4}{4}$ is still.
- Onionskin is very thin, mild $\frac{23}{23} \frac{9}{9} \frac{14}{14} \frac{20}{20} \frac{5}{5} \frac{18}{18}$ coming in.
- When a cow tries to scratch her ear, it means $\frac{18}{18} \frac{1}{1} \frac{9}{9} \frac{14}{14}$ is very near.
- When combs crackle in your hair, look for $\frac{23}{23} \frac{5}{5} \frac{1}{1} \frac{20}{20} \frac{8}{8} \frac{5}{5} \frac{18}{18}$ that is fair.


FUN FORECASTS

Make up a forecast rhyme using some of the signs below.



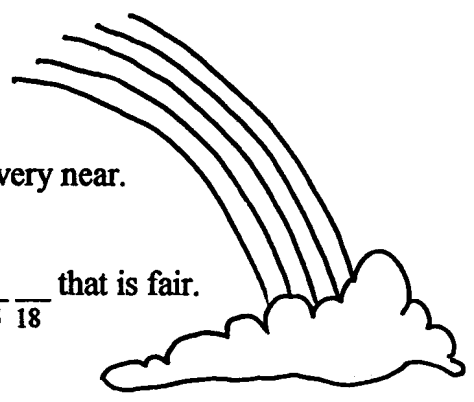
Signs of good weather:

- birds flying high
- heavy dew at night
- smoke rising quickly
- cicadas singing loudly
- rainbow in the east



Sign of bad weather:

- smoke curling downward
- dark cottonball clouds
- leaves turning over
- halo around the sun
- rainbow in the west



A=1	B=2	C=3	D=4	E=5	F=6	G=7	H=8	I=9	J=10	K=11	L=12	M=13
N=14	O=15	P=16	Q=17	R=18	S=19	T=20	U=21	V=22	W=23	X=24	Y=25	Z=26