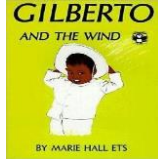




Let's Find Out About It: Pinwheels & Kites



Materials:

- *Gilberto And The Wind*
- images of pinwheels and kites resources
- pinwheel
- kite

Vocabulary:

- pinwheel
- kite
- vane
- blur: blend together
- tail
- balance
- control
- rhombus
- spin: move in a circle

Preparation: Set up materials.

Let's Find Out About It:

"In *Gilberto And The Wind*, the wind **spun** Gilberto's **pinwheel** and blew the kites of the older boys."

"What did the wind do when Gilberto tried to fly his kite?"

"Here are images of **pinwheels**. What do you notice?"

"A **pinwheel** has **vanes**---strips attached to the center. When the wind blows the **pinwheel**, it makes the vanes **spin**. When **pinwheels spin**, the colors **blur**-- blend together."

"Here are images of **kites**. What do you notice?"

"Some **kites**, like Gilberto's, are **rhombuses**. Other **kites** are different shapes."

"Many **kites** have a **tail**--a long strip of fabric or paper at the bottom. The **tail balances**--holds steady--the **kite** in the wind. You **control** the **kite** by moving the string you hold in your hand."

"You can make a **pinwheel spin** by blowing on it, but it takes a much stronger wind to fly a **kite**."

Show illustrations.

Show illustration. Children respond.

Show images. Children respond.

Show images, pointing to the vanes of the pinwheels, or model, using a real pinwheel.

Show illustrations/ images. Children respond.

Show illustrations and images.

Show images or real kite, pointing to the tail. Model controlling the kite.