



At-Home Storytimes

Theme: Winter



Snowkey Pokey

To the tune of the Hokey Pokey

Source: Mrs. Bremer's Class

You put your right mitten in
You take your right mitten out
You put your right mitten in
And you shake it all about
You do the snowkey pokey
And you turn yourself around
BRRRR (shiver)
That's what it's all about!

Other Verses

You put your left mitten...
You put your hat in ...
You put your right boot in...
You put your left boot in...
You put your scarf in...
You put your snowself in...

Tip: This is a great song to utilize while getting dressed to go outside to play in the snow. It can also be sung outside, inside on a very cold day, or just as a song to get the wiggles out.

Snowflake, Snowflake in the Sky

To the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Source: Jbrary

Snowflake, snowflake in the sky
(Open & shut hands)
Love to watch you floating by
(Move hands side to side)
Down you fall upon the ground
Down you fall without a sound
(Move hands down for both lines)
Snowflake, snowflake in the sky
(Open & shut hands)
Love to watch you floating by
(Move hands side to side)

Book Suggestions

Winter is Here by Kevin Henkes
Hello Winter! by Shelley Rotner
My Winter City by James Gladstone
Once Upon a Winter Day by Liza Woodruff
The First Day of Winter by Denise Fleming
Snow Falls by Kate Gardner
A Sled for Gabo by Emma Otheguy
I Wish it Would Snow! by Sarah Dillard

*For more books about snow and other winter activities, check out our Seasons - Winter section in picture books!

Possible questions to ask while reading:

What colors do we see in winter?
What do we wear in winter?
What do we need to build a snowman?
Do we have to have snow for it to be winter?
What animals do we see in the winter?

Possible questions while doing the activities:

How many different shapes did you use in your snowman?
Who has the tallest snowman in your family?
How does the snow feel?
What senses are you using to play with the snow?

Activities at Home

Shape Snowman

Have different shapes in different sizes available. This can be done with different shaped blocks, paper cut outs, and drawing the shapes. Once their snowman is built, have them count how many of each shape they used. This activity encourages imagination and creativity. For example, they could have a triangle for a head and a rectangle for the body.

Name Snowman

Spell out the name of the person using a letter in each circle. Once all the letters are written out, build the snowman. Once the name is built, decorate the snowman by giving it a face, arms, a scarf, and anything else it may need.

Fake Snow

Supplies:

2 ½ cups pure baking soda
½ cup white hair conditioner
Container or bowl
Ziploc bag (optional)

Combine the baking soda and white conditioner together in a bowl or container. If a dryer snow is preferred, add more baking soda to the mixture. Once the two ingredients are combined, the snow is ready to be played with! The children can build a snowman or create other creatures as this snow is moldable. Cookie cutters, cups, and small shovels or spoons are also great tools to use when playing with the snow. This activity is great for sensory play as it involves three out of the five senses. This activity also encourages fine motor skills with using our hands to mold the snow into different creations, and searching for items hidden in the snow. Make sure to wash hands following this activity and make sure no one eats the fake snow.