

Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

SNOW AND ICE

LETTER OF THE DAY

BOOKS TO SHARE

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND

SONGS

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ASL SIGN OF THE DAY
"Snow"



Hold your hands up in the air. Flutter your fingers as you move your hands down and side to side.

Mouse's First Snow
by Lauren Thompson

The Snowy Day
by Ezra Jack Keats

Winter Is Here
by Kevin Henkes

Over and Under the Snow
by Kate Messner

*If You're Snowy and You Know
It, Clap Your Paws*
by Kim Norman

A Big Bed For Little Snow
by Grace Lin

Snowy Race
by April Jones Prince

*When The Snow Is Deeper
Than My Boots Are Tall*
by Jean Reidy

Snow Much Fun
by Nancy Siscoe

The First Day of Winter
by Denise Fleming

Sweetest Kulu
by Celina Kalluk

Snowflake, Snowflake [action rhyme]
[Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle"]

Snowflakes, snowflakes, dance around.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, touch the ground.
Snowflakes, snowflakes in the air.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, everywhere.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, dance around.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, touch the ground.

Snow on the Rooftops [action rhyme]

Snow on the rooftops [Make pointed roof shape with arms]
Snow on the trees [Hold arms up like tree branches]
Snow on the green grass [Wave hands over ground like you're touching the grass]
And snow on me! [Point to self]

Snowflakes Falling
[Tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb"]

Snowflakes falling from the sky, from the sky, from the sky,
Snowflakes falling from the sky,
To the earth below.
Watch them as they dance and whirl,
Dance and whirl, dance and whirl.
Watch them as they dance and whirl,
Soft, white winter snow.

"Winter Wonderland" by Dean Martin (1959)

Five Little Snowmen [fingerplay]

Five little snowmen all in a row
Each with a hat
And a big red bow.
Out came the sun,
And it stayed all day.
And one of those snowmen melted away.

[Verses: count down 4, 3, 2, 1]

I'm a Little Snowman [action rhyme]

[Tune: "I'm a Little Teapot"]

I'm a little snowman, short and fat **[hold arms out from sides]**

Here are my buttons, here is my hat **[touch shirtfront and touch head]**

When the sun comes out, I cannot stay **[circle arms overhead]**

Slowly I just melt away. **[wave arms down from head]**

Dance Like Snowflakes

[Tune: "Are You Sleeping"]

Dance like snowflakes,

Dance like snowflakes.

In the air, in the air.

Whirling, twirling snowflakes,

Whirling, twirling snowflakes.

Here and there, everywhere.

Little Blue Sled [bounce rhyme]

Bumping up and down in my little blue sled

Bumping up and down in my little blue sled

Bumping up and down in my little blue sled

Won't you be my darling.

[Verses: "snow's coming down on my little blue sled;" "waving to my friends on my little blue sled"]

MORE FUN!

D.I.Y. Sensory Snow Dough

Ingredients:

1/2 cup white hair conditioner

3 cups baking soda

(optional) glitter

(optional) essential oil



Mix conditioner and baking soda together well and then add optional glitter and/or essential oils.

Your 'snow' should look and feel crumbly like real snow and also be able to be molded together like real snow!

Let your child(ren) explore the texture of the dough! To enhance the experience, you can add things like winter animal figures (penguins, polar bears, etc.) and/or tools like scoops and bowls to the sensory bin.

Some great questions to ask your child(ren) while they are playing include:

"How does the snow feel in your hands?"

"Can you use your fingertip to write the first letter of your name in the snow?"

"Does the snow feel wet in your hands like real snow or more smooth and dry?"

Brainstorm with your child to come up with a list of more words that start with the letter 's.'

What special and fun things can you do only in the snow? Does your family have any traditions that you enjoy every year when it is snowy outside? Talk with your child about them!

This kind of conversation not only increases vocabulary, but helps children build their sense of sequencing (Example: "FIRST, we put on our warm coats, NEXT, we go outside and make snowmen, and LAST, we go back inside for a hot cup of cocoa!")

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