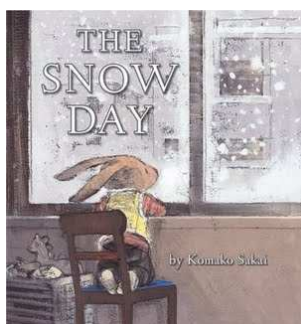
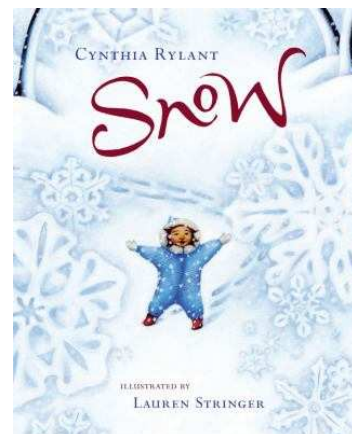


Books of the Month

Snow by Cynthia Rylant – Captures the many feelings that snow can create in both young and old, especially that sense of wonder and beauty. Preschool through 2nd Grade.

The Snow Day by Komako Sakai – A sweet story about a child and his mother experiencing a snow-covered world from the view of their apartment. Preschool.



Other Books about WINTER and WINTER SPORTS...

Snow Sounds: an onomatopoeic story by David Johnson – This story is told entirely through sound effects and pictures. A great book for encouraging children to tell the story in their own words. For toddlers and preschoolers.

First Snow by Emily Arnold McCully – A nearly wordless story about a family of mice and their sledding adventures one snowy day! Preschool.

Red Sled by Patricia Thomas – Short rhyming phrases bring to life a full day of sledding for a little boy and his dad. For toddlers and preschoolers.

Sophie Skates by Rachel Isadora – This book takes children into the world of competitive ice skating as Sophie describes what a typical day of training is like for her, complete with skating moves. Preschool and Kindergarten.

Let's Downhill Ski! by Carol K. Lindeen – What does a day on the ski slopes look like? Take a look...

Callie Cat, Ice Skater by Eileen Spinelli – A lovely story about how doing your best can always bring satisfaction even when you don't "win." Preschool and Kindergarten.

Rhymes of the Month

Here is My Hat by Eric Ode

Here is my hat, on top of my head
Here are my boots, shiny and red,
Here is my scarf, fuzzy and white,
Here is my coat, buttoned up tight,
Here is the door that goes outside.
I turn the handle, I open it wide,
I take one giant step, and then...
BRRRRRRR! I run back inside!

Sleds

Here's a great big hill
(hold arm out to make a hill)
With snow all down the side,
(wiggle fingers downward)
Let's take our speedy sleds,
(place hand on shoulder)
And down the hill we slide!
(slide hand down arm)



Picture from *Stranger in the Woods*
By Carl R. Sams II & Jean Stoick

Literacy Connections:

Guessing Box

“There’s something in my guessing box
Would you like to guess?
First you ask a question
And I answer ‘no’ or ‘yes’”

Select a box to use as your guessing box. Since it is winter, put in objects that have to do with this season – things like mittens or gloves, a scarf, a toy snowman, plastic snowflakes and winter animals, etc...

After reading the rhyme above, play “20 questions” with children. Explain to them that the questions they ask you can only have a “yes” or “no” answer.

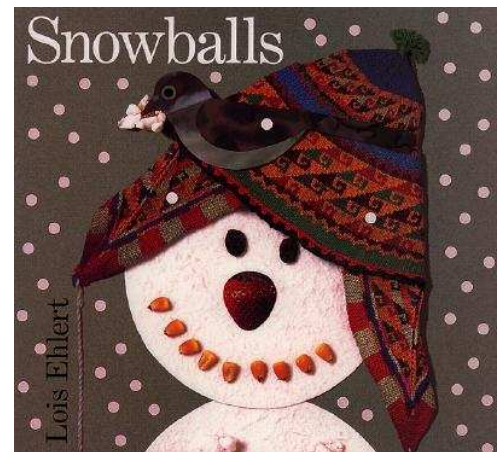
Example: Is it big? Is it little? Is it green? Is it smooth? Is it an animal?

If this seems challenging at first, encourage all questions and give them clues to help discover what’s hiding in your box. A great game for building language.

Snow People Collage

Read *Snowballs* by Lois Ehlert and talk with the children about what they see in the pictures. What objects are used to create the snow people? If they were going to make a snowman, what would they like to put on their snowman?

Let children create their own snowman collage. Put out all kinds of dry food items along with fabric squares, sequins, yarn, etc. Children can name their snow people also, if they like.



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Happy Reading!

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