



Snowball Throw Alphabet Game



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Literacy Activity

Snowball Throw Alphabet Game

This game is a great way to bring winter fun indoors so you don't have to get bundled up and face the cold temperatures outside. It reinforces letter recognition and letter sounds while also developing gross motor skills like coordination.

Materials Needed:

- Ping Pong Ball or ball of your choice
- Paper
- Writing Utensil
- Tape
- Scissors

Activity Prep:

- Cut paper into small squares
- Write one letter on each paper
- Tape papers to the wall

Activity Directions:

Call out a letter sound and have your child throw their "snowball" at the corresponding letter.

If your child doesn't know the letter sounds yet, you can just call out a letter and they can throw a snowball at it once they find it on the wall.

Read a Story Together

Curl up with a cup of hot chocolate and snuggle in for a family story time. Read a favorite book or two. It would be super fun if you have any snowy stories to read!



Nursery Rhymes



Five Little Snowmen

Five little snowmen riding on a sled,
One fell off and bumped his head.
I called Frosty and Frosty said,
"No more snowmen sliding on that sled."
Four little snowmen....
Three little snowmen....
Two little snowmen....
One little snowman....



Five Little Snowmen



Five little snowmen
On a winter's day -
The first one said,
"Wake up, so we can play."
The second one said,
"Let's stomp on the ground."
The third one said,
"Let's roll all around."
The fourth one said,
"Let's run and run and run."
The fifth one said,
"I'm afraid I feel the sun"
"Oh dear!" cried the snowmen,
As they looked toward the sky.
And the five melting snowmen
Waved good-bye.



I'm a Little Snowman

I'm a little snowman,
short and fat.
Here is my scarf,
and here is my hat.
When it's cold and snowy,
I will stay.
But when it gets hot,
I melt away!





Math Activity

Iceberg Hop



Materials: Any paper cut into a shape of an iceberg, marker, tape, open area on floor

- Cut pieces of construction paper into icebergs.
- Tape them on the floor
- Write a number on each iceberg.
- Call out numbers and have your child jump from iceberg to iceberg.

Snowball Counting



Materials: cotton balls, ice cream scoop or small spoon, cups

- Write numbers 1-10 on pieces of paper and tape to cups
- Place cotton balls in plastic container.
- Encourage your child to scoop the correct amount of snowballs into each cup.



Art / Fine Motor

"Snow Painting"

Ingredients / Materials Needed:

Liquid Food Coloring

Cold Water

Squeeze Bottles or Plastic Spray Bottle that can stream

Directions:

1. Take the lids off your squeeze / spray bottles, and put several drops of
2. each food coloring in a different bottle.
3. Carefully fill up with cold water, not too fast or it will bubble over.
4. Tightly place the lids back on and wipe down the bottles.

Carefully take the tops off, or squeeze the nozzle, to paint in the snow.



how to make
SNOW PAINT





Outdoor / movement

Outside- Building a snowman

1. Pack the snow together and roll into 3 different size snow balls.
2. Stack the snowballs on top of each other starting with the large, medium and small one on top.
3. You can make different size snowman.
4. Use sticks, leafs, or other things outside to make a face on the snowman.



Inside - snowball toss

1. Use paper or rolled socks to make a fake snowball
2. Find a small bucket or contain
3. Stand at different distances away from the bucket and try to throw the snowballs into the bucket.

Or have a family snowball fight



Journal

Journal Writing is something our students do one time per week. This is something that should be the **child's own work**. We often start out with a simple item to draw, basic shapes, lines or people. Encourage them to choose colors with a purpose, even scribbling with intent is appropriate for 3 year old students. For those students who are 4 and will be going to kindergarten, we often see clearer images that they can elaborate on and tell us about. The key is not to make strokes on their paper. You can model for them on your own page, but let their work be theirs. There are a couple of sheets attached to use for this activity

Here are some **journal topic ideas** you can pick to write about While I stayed home I...
If I made a snowman it would look like this!
My favorite thing about snow is...

Jolly Phonics

See the included pages for the letters and the actions that go with each letter



Bonus Activities

- Build a fort inside using couch cushions and pillows or build one outside using the snow
- Play a board game like CandyLand, Memory, or Chutes and Ladders
- Practice your math skills by making cookies, pancakes, or hot chocolate together. You can talk about measurement, time, quantity and work on fine motor skills
- Practice counting random objects around the house
- Sing songs like the ABC song, the Hokey Pokey
- Cut, color, and sequence the snowman sequence (see attached). Be sure to ask your child to use the pictures to tell you how to make a snowman
- Practice cutting using old newspapers, mail flyers, or magazines
- Make a picture or color a blank piece of paper
- Practice your lacing skills by using a piece of yarn or string and taping one end and either cereal like Fruit Loops or Cheerios or noodles. Be sure to tie one at the end so that all the rest do not slide off
- Practice jumping over rolled up towels
- Practice galloping or skipping in hallways