

Johnson County Library's

BOOKS TO GROW

Kit theme: **WINTER**

- Book titles included:
 1. **Snowballs** by Lois Ehlert
 2. **Marco Flamingo, Marco Flamenco** by Shelia Jarkins
 3. **Frederick** by Leo Lionni
 4. **Snow, Blowy winter** by Bob Raczka
 5. **Bear Snores On** by Karma Wilson
- DVD: **Snowy Day**
- CD: **Snow** (Book and CD)



Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

The Mitten by Jan Brett
On a Wintry Morning by Doris Chacconas
Trudy by Henry Cole
Carl's Snowy Afternoon by Alexandra Day
First Day of Winter by Denise Fleming
Time to Sleep by Denise Fleming
First Snow by Bernette Ford
Is That You Winter? By Stephen Gammell
Bedtime for Bear by Brett Helquist
Froggy Gets Dressed by Jonathan London
Waiting for Winter by Sebastian Meschenmoser
The Jacket I Wear in the Snow by Shirley Neitzel

Counting on Snow by Maxwell Newhouse
Moon Glowing by Elizabeth Partridge
A Kitten Tale by Eric Rohmann
No by Claudia Rueda
Winter Lullaby by Barbara Seuling
Under the Snow by Melissa Stewart
Winter is the Warmest Season by Lauren Stringer
Mouse's First Snow by Lauren Thompson
Hello, Snow! By Hope Vestergaard
Sleep Big Bear Sleep by Maureen Wright
Tracks in the Snow by Wong Yee
Snow Party by Harriet Ziefert

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Take Time to Rhyme

Activity Ideas - WINTER

After reading **Snowballs**, begin filling a bag with ‘good stuff’ for making a snow family. If snow isn’t available, what else could you use? Try stacking three cardboard boxes of different sizes in descending order (largest on the bottom) and pretend it’s a snow boy or girl, gluing eyes, nose, sticks, etc. to the boxes.

Mitten Match

Make a pattern for a mitten. Cut two mittens from a variety of materials and patterns: sandpaper, flannel, corrugated board, etc. Let children match the mittens. With clothespins they can clip the mittens to a clothesline (simply string a piece of rope between two chairs). This is good practice for using scissors and holding pencils.

Colored Snow

Fill a spray bottle with colored water. Spray a fresh area of snow with the colored water to create a snow painting. (From *Good Earth Art*)

Winter Art

Take a winter walk looking for colors of winter. Let your children make a winter scene with a white crayon on white paper. With a light watercolor wash, let them brush over the entire page. Their winter scene will appear like magic!

Using white chalk on black or dark blue paper, encourage children to create a winter scene or snowflake. To seal the picture you can spray it with aerosol hairspray.

Find cheap loofah sponges at the dollar store, and have a snowball fight!

Come Sing a Song of Winter

(to the tune of *The More We Get Together*)

Come sing a song of winter,
Of winter, of winter,
Come sing a song of winter,
The cold days are here.

Clap out this verse in double time.

With snowing and blowing

Flutter fingers down, wave arms about
And rosy cheeks glowing

Point to cheeks.

Come sing a song of winter,
The cold days are here.

Return to clapping double time.

(From *I’m a Little Teapot!* by Jane Cobb)

The Mitten Song

“Thumbs in the thumbs place,
Fingers all together.”

This is the song we sing in mitten weather.

When it is cold, it doesn’t matter whether

Mittens are wool, or made of finest leather.

This is the song we sing in mitten weather:

“Thumbs in the thumb place,
Fingers all together!”



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