



Every Your Child Ready to Read

*** "Winter Time" Toddler Time @ Corinth Library**

Extension Activities to help practice the six pre-reading skills*
your child can start learning from birth!

1. Narrative Skills: Being able to describe things and events and tell stories.

- Tell your child about winters when you were a child.
- Can the two of you retell what happened in one of these stories from today :

<u>The First Day of Winter</u> by Denise Fleming;	<u>Winter is the Warmest Season</u> by Lauren Stringer;
<u>Winter Visitors</u> by Elizabeth Lee O'Donnell;	<u>Pip & Squeak</u> by Ian Schoenherr
- Check out a book to read at home and then talk about what happens first, next and last in the story.

2. Print Motivation: Being interested in and enjoying books.

- Children who enjoy books will want to learn to read, help your child pick a book she/he wants to take home.
- Visit the public library often and make sure you always have books available to your child in the home.

3. Vocabulary: Knowing the name of things.

- Ask your child to name things that might be fun to do in the snow.
- Talk about you and your child's feelings toward winter.

4. Print Awareness: Noticing print, knowing how to handle books & how to follow the words on a page.

- Look for printed words in your warm winter clothing.
- When you read to your child, point to some of the words as you say them, especially words that are repeated.

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<http://www.ala.org/ala/pla/plaissues/earlylit/earlyliteracy.htm>

5. Letter Knowledge: Knowing letters are different from each other, knowing their names and sounds and recognizing letters everywhere.

- Help your child play with the letter “W”: You can draw it with a crayon, shape it out of play dough, line up white marshmallows on a plate.

6. Phonological Awareness: Being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.

- Say the rhymes from toddler time at home. Rhymes help children hear the sounds that make up words, a skill that helps children sound out words as they begin to read.
- Sing the songs from toddler time, in most songs each syllable in a word gets a different note.

Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It

If you've heard that its winter, clap your hands. [repeat]
If you like the chilly weather, pull on mittens and a sweater. If you like the chilly weather, clap your hands.

If its snowing and you see it, blink your eyes. [repeat]
If you like to watch snow fall, pull up the blinds in the hall.
If you like to watch snow fall, blink your eyes.

If you like to sled down hills, jump up and down. [repeat]
If you've felt your nose go cold, 'cause you forgot a scarf, like you were told, If you like to sled down hills, jump up and down.

When there's cocoa after sledding, blow it cool. [repeat]
Though you love the taste of chocolate, wait till it's not so hot.
Though you love the taste of chocolate, blow it cool.

If mom has baked some cookies, rub your tummy. [repeat]
Smell the cookies as they cool, it might even make you drool.
Smell the cookies as they cool, and rub your tummy.

Sing a Song of Winter

By Mrs. Gary McNitt

Sing a song of winter, frost is in the air;
Sing a song of winter, snowflakes everywhere.
Sing a song of winter, hear the sleighbells chime,
Can you think of anything as nice as wintertime?

Snowflakes

Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Snowflakes, snowflakes, twirl around.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, falling down.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, on my tongue.
Snowflakes, snowflakes,
my song is sung.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, twirl around.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, falling down.

Five Little Snowmen

Five little snowmen, riding on a sled
Slide hand like a sled on a hill.
One fell off and bumped his head.
Clap hands and rub head.
I called Frosty, and Frosty said,
Pretend to dial phone
“No more snowmen,
riding on that sled!”
Say in a deep voice.
Four little snowmen... etc.

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.



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