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ABOUT THE STORY

The Snowy Day By Ezra Jack Keats

A small boy named Peter experiences the joy of a snowy day. The vivid and ageless illustrations and text, beloved by several generations of readers, have earned a place in the pantheon of great American children's literature.

STORY STRETCHER

Give prompts about objects or activities in the pictures. For example, ask: What is Peter doing? (He is sliding down the hill.) Use your finger to point to what you are asking about. Evaluate the child's response. Expand it by giving more information. Ask the child to repeat the answer. If he or she needs help in answering a question, ask that question again the next time you read the book. Good words to ask about are listed in the vocabulary section below. Be sure to talk about objects and actions the child brings up, too

Learn more on Family Education: <http://school.familyeducation.com/reading-instruction/parenting/30293.html#ixzz3MB46RLWm>

CRS RESOURCE LIBRARY

Curriculum Resource books are available to check out at our library. Call (619) 521-3055 ext. 2304 to make a library appointment.

Story Stretchers
By Shirley C. Raines &
Robert J. Canady

The Snowy Day
By Ezra Jack Keats

WEB SITES

Here are some web sites to give you more curriculum ideas:

<http://www.prekinders.com/play-dough-recipes/>

www.notjustcute.com

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RECIPE

Easy to make and cheaper than buying Play Dough at the store. Add spices for a wintery scent!

CINNAMON SPICE PLAY DOUGH

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 4 tsp. cream of tartar or alum
- 5 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. cloves
- 2 cups water
- 2 Tblsp. Oil
- Food coloring (optional)

Combine the dry ingredients in a saucepan. Add the water and oil (and coloring if desired) and mix well. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring frequently until the mixture begins to thicken and form a firm ball. Remove from heat and knead dough when cool enough. Store dough in an airtight container.

SNOWFLAKE ART

Materials Needed:

- Elmer's Glue, 1 small bottle per person
 - Q-tips, 30-60 per person, depending on the number and size of snowflakes
 - Wax paper, one 18 inch sheet per snowflake
 - Glitter (optional, also glitter glue)
1. Spread a sheet of waxed paper on the table surface.
 2. Use Q-tips to create a snowflake design on the wax paper.
 3. Once you are done designing your snowflake, pour glue over each corner where the Q-tips meet. Use lots of glue.
 4. Sprinkle glitter (optional)
 5. Allow snowflake to completely dry (may take a day or two)
 6. Carefully peel the Q-tip snowflake off of the wax paper. If the snowflake begins to break while peeling off of the wax paper, apply more glue and let dry.
 7. Use clear fishing wire to hang up in your home or classroom.



LANGUAGE & LITERACY

BOOKS

The Snowy Day By Ezra Jack Keats

Snowmen at Night By Caralyn Buehner

The Biggest, Best Snowman By Margery Cuyler

SONG

I'm a Little Snowman (Sang to the tune of "I'm a little Teapot")

I'm a little snowman, short and fat.

Here is my scarf and here is my hat.

When the snow is falling, come and play.

Build a snowman every day.

FINGERPLAY ACTIVITY

FIVE SILLY SNOWMEN

Five Silly Snowmen dancing outside my door,

One rolled away and then there were four.

Four silly snowmen climbing up at tree,

One fell down and then there were three.

Three silly snowmen didn't know what to do,

One ran away and then there were two.

Two silly snowmen baking in the sun,

One melted away and then there was one.

One silly snowman dancing round and round,

He danced so much he melted to the ground.

No more silly snowmen,

They have all gone away.

I hope I get to see them on another winter's day!

