

Families Learning Together

Tips for Winter



Reading Rocks!

Go to the library and search for ideas on how to make a bird feeder. Find a spot to hang it up outside.

Make a fort out of dark blankets and plenty of soft cushions, then make white paper snowflakes and create an indoor winter wonderland. You can use this as your family winter reading nook.

Find a new cookie recipe online or in your cookbooks and use special winter cookie cutters.

Have a family sing-a-long with winter songs like Jingle Bells.

A Funny Little Snowman

A funny little snowman
Had a carrot nose.
Along came a rabbit
And what do you suppose?

That hungry little rabbit
Looking for his lunch
Ate that snowman's nose
With a crunch, crunch, crunch!

The Winter Pokey

Tune: The Hokey-Pokey

You put your right mitten in
You take your right mitten out
You put your right mitten in
And you shake it all about (Shiver)
Do the Winter Hokey Pokey
And you turn yourself around
That's what it's all about!

(Additional verses)

You put your left mitten in
You put your right boot in
You put your left boot in
You put your warm scarf in
You put your warm cap in



Math is Fun!

Count the people standing in line, the number of steps to the library, the number of mittens in the basket (then sort the mittens into pairs).

Give your child the measuring cups and bowls and let him measure out the ingredients while you read the directions out loud. An easy and delicious way to introduce volume and weight!

When you're driving, walking or taking the bus around town, have your child look for and call out numbers in street and store signs, and on licence plates.

Counting Snowflakes

Two snowflakes fell last night
The start of a blanket, fluffy and white
Then came three, then came four
Beautiful flakes, then more and more

Down, down the snowflakes fell
I counted and counted flakes, until
The yard was covered, the house was, too
A winter wonderland, that started with two!



Five Sugar Cookies

Five sugar cookies
With frosting galore
Mother ate one
Then there were _____

Four sugar cookies
Two and two, you see
Father ate one
Then there were _____

Three sugar cookies
And before I knew
Sister ate one
Then there were _____

Two sugar cookies
Oh, what fun
Brother ate one
Then there was _____

One sugar cookie
I'll grab it and run
When I eat it
There will be none!



Let's Go Outdoors!

Have fun making snow angels together and measure which one is the longest and the shortest.

Find a nice long stick and you and your child can practise writing your names in the snow.

Make snow castles or obstacle courses in the backyard or at the park.

Use a snowman to teach your little ones about the names of parts of the body, face or clothing.



Snowflakes, Snowflakes

Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Snowflakes falling
One by one
Time to play and have some fun
Build a snowman
Snowballs, too
Come and see what you can do,
Snowflakes falling
One by one
Time to play and have some fun

The Snow is Falling

Tune: The Farmer In the Dell

The snow is falling down
The snow is falling down
Heigh ho, fast then slow
The snow is falling down

The yards are covered with snow
The yards are covered with snow
Heigh ho, just watch it snow
The yards are covered with snow

Continue with other places the snow might fall on, such as, the streets, the cars, the houses, me.



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Hooray for Winter! - Plaisirs d'hiver

Bonjour l'hiver par Pascale de Bourgoing

Winter Wonderland by Jill Esbaum

Snowy, Blowy Winter by Bob Raczka

Bella adore le patin par Ian Whybrow

Kitten's Winter by Eugenie Fernandes



L'hiver par Núria Roca

Canada sports d'hiver par Per-Henrik Gürth

Step-by-step Crafts for Winter by Kathy Ross

Flocons de neige, histoire et bricolages par Judith Moffatt

Perfect Snow by Barbara Reid

