

Many of you have Christmas activities that you want to do with the children this month. We always encourage you to create and incorporate your own planning, just document it on the activity calendar. Remember that families may celebrate the holidays differently so make sure that you are incorporating the traditions of all the families in your care.

SOCIAL

Read a book about winter

Read the children a book about winter to introduce the children to winter. Explain the weather change, clothing you must wear, what happens to trees and animals etc.

Target: sharing ideas

Winter Clothes Dress Up

Instructions: <https://teachingmama.org/winter-clothes-dress-up-busy-bag-free-printable/>

Target: taking turns



Mitten Hunt

For the mitten hunt game, you'll need several pairs of mittens; at least one pair per player and a few extras for fun. Send the children on a hunt to find themselves a matching pair. The hunt continues until everyone has found a matching pair of mittens. (Mittens can be purchased quite cheap at the dollar stores)

Target: teamwork

Snowman Melt

<https://www.sciencekiddo.com/snow-science/>

Target: sharing ideas

(Each child should have their own bag)



Outdoor Snowman

Work together to build a snowman

Target: teamwork

PHYSICAL

Fine Motor

Beaded Snowflake

<https://earlylearningideas.com/snowflake-craft/>

Target: eye hand coordination (use direct supervision if doing this with younger children)



Snowman Fine Motor Activity

<https://earlylearningideas.com/snowman-fine-motor-activity/>

Target: grasping



Ice Bubbles

When the temperature drops below 0 degrees, blow bubbles and watch them freeze on the wand. (each child should have their own container of bubbles/wand)

Target: grasping

Paper snowflakes

<https://laughingkidslearn.com/how-to-make-paper-snowflakes-with-kids/>

Target: cutting skills

Snow Window

<https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2014/01/snow-window-winter-activity-for-kids.html>

Target: grasping



Gross Motor

Snowman Slam

<http://www.growingajeweledrose.com/2013/12/snowman-slam-game-for-kids.html>

Target: throwing



Cloudy Day (Act out the song/poem)

The day is cloudy, and the wind is bold. Dress up warmly, you mustn't get cold!

Put on your coat and zip it up tight, put on your left boot, put on your right.

Put on your scarf and put on your hat, put on your mittens and clap-clap-clap!

Go outside and play and play. Come in again, and then we'll say-

Take off your coat that was zipped up tight,

take off your left boot, take off your right.

Take off your scarf, take off your hat,

take off your mittens, and then take a nap!

Note: Act out which body part each object goes to while you sing

Target: coordination

Winter Sky

Way up high in the winter sky, two little snowflakes caught my eye. (Point 2 fingers to sky)

Down to the ground they fell without a sound. (Twist around)

And before very long, it was snowing all around. (Hold arms out)

Make a snowball, make a snowball. (Act like making a snowball)
Throw it now, throw it now. (Use Throwing Motion)
Make a snowball, make a snowball. (Act like making a snowball)
Throw it now, throw it now. (Use Throwing Motion)

Target: balance

Five Little Snowmen

Five little snowmen sitting on the ground, (stomp feet on floor)
The first one said; 'oh my aren't we round' (make circle with arms)
The second one said; "there are snowflakes in the air"(point and wiggle fingers)
The third one said; "but we don't care." (shrug shoulders)
The fourth one said; "lets run and run and run. (Run in place)
The fifth one said; "I'm ready for some fun." (Smile Big)
Whew went the wind (blow) and out came the sun (point)
And the five little snowmen knew their fun was done. (Hang head sadly)

Target: large muscle movements

Snowflake Dance (add music to this activity and encourage the children to move in different ways)

(Sung To: "Are you Sleeping")

Dance like snowflakes, Dance like snowflakes

In the air, In the air

Whirling, twirling snowflakes, Whirling, Twirling snowflakes

Here and there, Here and there

Target: balance

Catch Snowflakes

It doesn't have to be snowing to chase the white stuff. For infants simply sit beside them and gently toss snow in the air, making sure to take turns at "making it snow". If you're playing with older toddlers, clear the area of any obstacles in case they run after the snowflakes. This can be done in any area with snow.

Target: balance

Snowman

Once there was a snowman, snowman, snowman,

Once there was a snowman tall, tall, tall. (Gradually move hand higher)

Then the sun it melted, melted, melted,

Then the sun it melted small, small, small. (Gradually Move hand lower)

I'm a Little Snowflake

(Sung to: "I'm a Little Teapot")

Target: stretching

Snowey 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.
You do the Snowey pokey and you turn yourself around.
That's what it's all about.

Note continue with additional verses:

You put your left mitten in
You put your scarf in
You put your right boot in
You put your left boot in
You put your hat in
You put your snowself in
etc.

Target: coordination

Frosty Toss

Have a snowball-throwing contest! Make a target by creating a bright circle in the snow with colored water in a squirt bottle. **Target: throwing**

Swing Away

Make a golf course by packing down a section of snow every few feet. Bury tin cans halfway down in the snow to create holes and mark them with mini flagsticks.

Target: coordination

INTELLECTUAL

Cognitive

Penguin Winter Clothes Color Match

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7HU0DcVrlesSV9ESndya1q3RDA/view>

Target: matching

Snowman Experiment

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/snowman-baking-soda-science-activity-melting-snowman-sensory-play/> If the children are preparing them make sure they each have their own bowl. If you are preparing them ahead of time, make you wash your hands.

Target: sequencing

What makes ice melt faster?

<http://www.pinayhomeschooler.com/2015/12/simple-experiment-what-makes-ice-melt.html>

Make a tray for each child to use

Target: cause and effect

I am a Snowman

I am a snowman made of snow (stand still)
I stand quite still at ten below.
With a big long carrot for a nose (point to nose)
And worn out shoes to make my toes (point to toes)
I have two apples for my eyes, (point to eyes)
And a woolen coat about this size. (measure with hands)
I have a scarf that's warm and red. (grab neck)
And a funny hat upon my head. (tap hands on head)
The sun is coming out..... Oh dear! (Look worried)
The sun is melting me I fear (slowly sink to floor)
Oh my, I was so nice and round,
Now I'm just a puddle on the ground! (sit or lay on floor)

Target: labeling

Ten Little Snowballs

Snow fell last night, and it fell so hard,
when I looked out my window, it covered up my yard.
I made ten little snowballs and I put them in a line.
One fell off the wall, and then there were nine.
Nine little snowballs, I put them on the gate.
One fell off and then there were Eight.
Eight little snowballs, I hit one up towards heaven.
It came down splat! and then there were Seven.
Seven little snowballs, I hit one with a stick.
It broke in little pieces and then there were Six.
Six little snowballs, all lined upside by side.
My dog stole one and then there were Five.
Five little snowballs, I took them to the store.
One fell off my sled, so then there were Four.
Four little snowballs, underneath a tree.
I threw one at a monster, then there were Three.
Three little snowballs, I'll share them with you.
You have one and I have Two.
Two little snowballs left out in the sun.
One melted away and then there was one.
One little snowball left all alone.
I'll put it in my pocket and take it home.

Target: number recognition

Language

I'm A Little Snowflake

I'm a little snowflake, Look at me.
No other snowflake is just like me.

I am so unique, as you can see.
And just as special as I can be.

Target: Rhyming

Snow is Falling (*you can add cotton balls or scrunched up balls of paper for the children to use as snow during this activity*)

Snow is falling, falling;

Snow is falling hit the ground. (Wiggle fingers like snowflakes)

Flurries, flurries (sing slowly)

Snowing, snowing (sing faster)

Blizzard (Sing Loud and very fast)

Target: vocabulary

Pet Snowball Poem (*have the children bring a snowball into the house and place them on a cookie sheet to see what happens*)

I made myself a snowball

Just as perfect as could be.

I thought I'd keep it as a pet

And let it sleep with me

I gave it some pajamas

And a pillow for its head.

Then, last night it ran away,

But first . . . it wet the bed!

Target: rhyming

I'm A Little Snowman

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.

(Sung to: "I'm a Little Teapot")

Target: vocabulary

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 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 a fond goodbye

Target: vocabulary

CREATIVE

Build A Snowman

<https://happyhooligans.ca/build-snowman-activity-tray/>

Each child needs their own tray or container of materials

Target: decision making



Snowman Sensory Bag

<https://mamapapabubba.com/2014/12/08/squishy-snowman-sensory-bag/>

You will need individual bags and materials for each child

Target: sensory



Winter Painting

<https://stayathomeeducator.com/sparkly-mixed-medium-winter-paintings/>

Target: creativity



Mr. Potato Snow Head

<https://happyhooligans.ca/potato-heads-in-the-snow/>

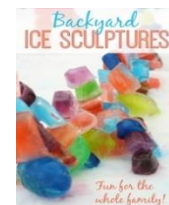
Target: problem solving



Ice Sculptures (more than one activity on this site)

<https://happyhooligans.ca/coloured-ice-sculptures/>

Target: creativity



Snowflake Slime

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/winter-snowflake-homemade-slime/>

(each child needs an individual container to make the slime in)

Target: sensory



EMOTIONAL

Snowman Art

Children glue 3 sizes of white paper doilies or white paper cut into different sized circles to a piece of construction paper. Put out different materials for the eyes, noses, arms as well as items to decorate the snowman. *Remember this is their project so let them create their own individual snowman. There is no right and wrong way to create their snowman.* Target: self – expression

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Diamond Dig sensory bin

<https://happyhooligans.ca/diamond-dig-snowy-sensory-bin/>

(have an individual container for each child)

Target: independence



Cool Critters

Use bits of nature to embellish animals sculpted from snow.

Target: self-expression



Arctic Ice Melt

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/arctic-sensory-play-ice-melt-science-kids/>

(each child needs their own ice block)

Target: independence



Snow painting

<http://www.housingaforest.com/indoor-snow-painting/>

Target: self confidence

