

Theme: Winter Snow

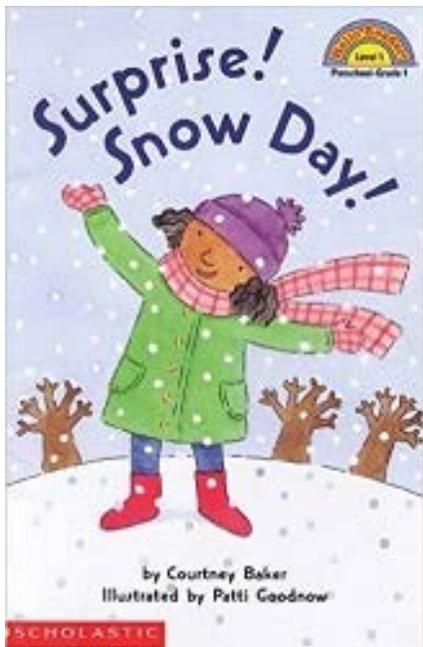
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Hello StrongStart friends!

Today's email is put together by Teacher Evina (from Collingwood).

Snow! Children and adults love to see and play with snow. It is a lot of fun to play outside - making snowballs, snow angels and building snow people! Sometimes, it can get pretty cold outside so let's do a few indoor snow activities today!

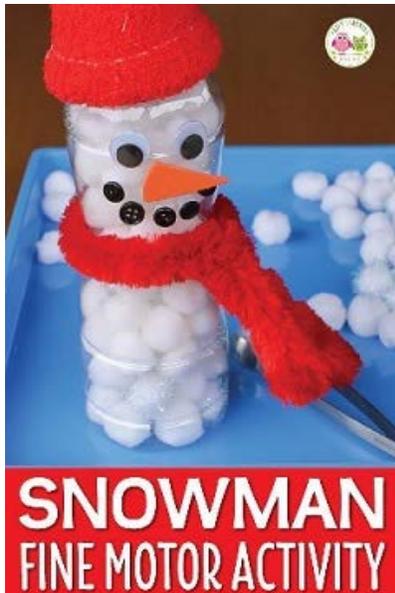
Let's start with some songs and a story with Teacher Evina - <https://youtu.be/1E2Nc2UGTnk>. She will be reading a book called "Surprise! Snow Day!" by Courtney Baker.



While we are waiting for a snow day, let's try this fine motor and counting snowman activity.

Materials:

- clear bottle
- white cotton balls or pompoms
- sharpie marker, googly eyes
- optional: tongs, spoon



Instruction:

1. Have children put cotton balls/pom poms in the bottle until it's full.
2. Count them as your child puts them in.
3. For older children, ask them to group in two's, five's or ten's before putting them in the bottle.
4. You can use fingers (pincher grasp), tongs or spoons.
5. Draw a face on the bottle or glue on googly eyes and decorate with pipe cleaners, buttons, etc.
6. Use winter language like "cold" or "snow" to build vocabulary.

If there is still no snow outside, let's try to make our own "snow" inside for sensory play.



Materials:

- 1 cup of baking soda
- 1 cup of cornstarch
- water

Instructions:

1. Mix baking soda and corn starch together.
2. Add water, 1 teaspoon at a time.
3. Mix it until it reaches desired consistency (e.g., to make a snowball).
4. Add winter animals to make a snow scene for storytelling. Bring in some nature (e.g., sticks, rocks, leaves) to make those animals a home!
5. Keep in an airtight container. Add a little bit of water if it dries. It should last for 1-3 days.
6. Hurry! Make a snow family before the snow melts.



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