

# Winter

## Storytime To Go

### Books

*Owl Moon*  
Jane Yolen

*The First Day of Winter*  
Denise Fleming

*The Mitten*  
Jan Brett

*Snowy, Blowy Winter*  
Bob Raczka

*The Story of Snow:  
The Science of Winter's  
Wonder*  
Mark Cassino

*A Hat for Minerva Louise*  
Janet Stoeke

*Winter Day Play!  
Activities, Crafts and Games  
for Indoors and Out*  
Nancy F. Castaldo



### Fingerplays

#### Snowflakes Falling

Snowflakes, snowflakes falling  
down,  
(hold hands high)

Softly, quietly to the ground,  
(flutter fingers to the floor)

They form a blanket soft and white,  
To comfort plants through  
winter's night,  
(pat floor gently with hands)

See the snowflakes as they play,  
(flutter hands and fingers in the air)

Swirling, twirling on their way,  
(twirl fingers in the air)

What a pretty, sparkly sight,  
When all the earth is dressed in  
white!  
(clap hands)

*From Little Hands Fingerplays & Action  
Songs by Emily Stetson*

#### Five Little Snowmen

Five little snowmen all in a row  
Five little snowmen made of snow  
(hold up five fingers)

Out came the sun and shone all day  
(hands over head forming sun)

One little snowman melted away  
(showing one finger, wiggle whole  
body, melting to the ground)

*Continue from four to two little  
snowmen.*

One little snowman all alone  
One little snowman made of snow  
Out came the sun and shone all day  
One little snowman melted away

### Action Rhymes

#### Walking in the Snow

Let's go walking in the snow  
(stand and walk in place)

Walking, walking on tiptoe  
(walk on tiptoe in place)

Lift your right foot way up high  
(lift your right foot and put it  
down)

Then your left foot. Keep it dry!  
(lift left foot and put it down)

All around the yard we skip  
(skip in place)

Watch your step, or you might  
slip.  
(sit down clumsily)

*From [Fingerplays & Action Rhymes](#)*

#### Dressing for a Winter Walk (suit actions to words)

Let's put on our mittens  
And button up our coat  
Wrap a scarf snugly around our  
throat  
Pull on our boots  
Fasten the straps  
And tie on tightly, our warm  
winter caps  
Then open the door and out we  
go  
Walking in the wintry snow

## Songs

### Watch the Snowflakes

*Sung to Frere Jacques*

Watch the snowflakes, watch the  
snowflakes  
(flutter hands)

Floating down, floating down  
(flutter hands down)

Oh so very slowly  
Oh so very slowly

All the way down  
To the ground  
(flutter hands to the floor)

### The Mitten in the Snow

*Sung to "The Farmer in the Dell"*

The mitten in the snow  
The mitten in the snow  
Help us please, so we don't freeze  
The mitten in the snow

A mouse\* squeezes in  
A mouse\* squeezes in  
Help us please, so we don't freeze  
The mitten in the snow

*\*Use different animals from the  
story "The Mitten" by Jan Brett,  
such as a squirrel, raccoon,  
beaver, rabbit, and bear.*

From [Mrs. Jones Room](#)

### I'm a Little Snowman

*Sung to "I'm a Little Teapot"*

I'm a little snowman  
Short and fat  
Here is my broomstick  
(pretend to hold a broom handle)

Here is my hat  
(pat top of head with other hand)

When the sun comes out  
(hold arms in a circle over head)

I'll melt away  
Down, down, down, down.  
(shrink down to the floor)

Whoops! I'm a puddle.

From [King County Library System](#)

## Arts & Crafts

### Paper Snowflakes

Cut snowflakes from white paper.  
Fold paper squares into a small  
triangle by folding point to point.  
Cut notches around the edge of  
the triangle. Unfold to see your  
snowflake!

### Pasta Snowflakes

Gather various shaped pasta and  
arrange in creative designs. Glue  
pieces with craft glue and allow  
to dry on wax paper. Once dry,  
brush Mod Podge or watered  
down craft glue over snowflakes  
and dust with glitter.



*Idea and photo from Katy Elliott*

## Science & Math

### Mitten Match

Cut out simple mitten shapes  
and decorate pairs to match.  
Mix them up and have your child  
match them up again.

### Snowflake Observations

When it snows, take a black piece  
of construction paper outside to  
catch snowflakes. Use a  
magnifying glass to observe the  
snowflakes up close on the  
paper.

### Mitten Patterns

Use a simple mitten template and  
practice drawing repeating  
patterns with your child as you  
decorate.



### Early Literacy Take-home:

As you read the books in this  
kit, be sure to stop and ask  
questions such as "what just  
happened?" or "what do you  
think will happen next?".  
Prediction and re-tell are  
important literacy skills that  
will develop throughout the  
school years.

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