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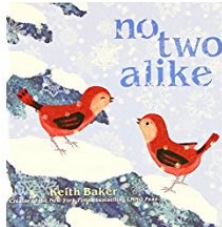
***The Be READYy Rover* Review**

January's Storytime Theme: **Winter!**

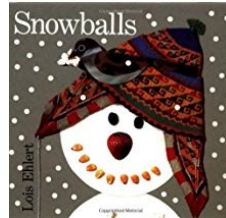
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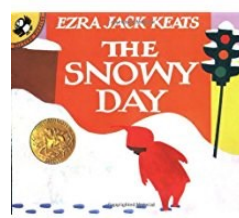
It's Winter!
by Linda Glaser



no two alike
by Keith Baker



Snowballs
by Lois Ehlert



The Snowy Day
by Ezra Jack Keats

We try to achieve the 6 early literacy skills - **Print Motivation, Print Awareness, Letter Knowledge, Vocabulary, Phonological Awareness** (such as rhyming words), and **Narrative Skills** – by including 5 basic activities in our lesson plans: **TALK, SING, READ, WRITE, PLAY.**

TALK

What season are we in? What is winter like? What do the wild animals do in the winter? Do you like snow? How do you play in the snow?

SING

Song: **“Five Little Snowmen”** (to the tune of “The One Little Duck with the Feather on His Back: **“5 little snowmen all in a row”** (hold up 5 fingers), **“each with a hat and a big red bow”** (pat head, and “tie” bow at neck), **“Out came the sun”** (spread arms wide), **“and it stayed all day”** (lower arms), **“and one little snowman melted away”** (fall down and “melt”). Repeat until all the snowmen have melted.

PLAY

The children placed magnetic animal pictures on a winter scene, showing where each kind of animal spends the winter...After seeing pictures of animal tracks, the children guessed which animals would have made them, and met the animals (in puppet form!).

WRITE

After reading “Snowballs”, which pictured creative snowmen that used food items and found materials, the children identified pre-cut shapes, and glued them to construction paper to make their own snowmen..

MORE IDEAS for Winter!

For a **melt-in-your-mouth snowman**, draw an outline of a snowman on paper and let children lick marshmallows and then press them onto the paper (they stick well).

Make animal track stamps; Draw an animal track onto a flat sponge and cut out. Glue to a piece of heavy cardboard, and dip into paint, or make a trail in a sandbox. When it snows, go outside and look for tracks. Encourage the children to imagine where the animal was going.

MAKE YOUR OWN (play) SNOW! - Here are 3 recipes: **1)** Mix 3 cups baking soda and 1/2 cup white colored hair conditioner, mix till crumbly, then mold like sand. **2)** Put 1 cup baking soda and glitter into a resealable baggie. Add 1/4 cup water and freeze for 15 minutes. **3)** Freeze 16 oz. corn starch overnight. Mix in peppermint extract. Slowly add about 10 ounces refrigerated, unscented white body lotion (from the dollar store). All clean up easily, and can be stored in the refrigerator in a sealed bag or container. Fun, and great for advancing fine motor skills. (NOT FOR EATING!)



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SUPER EASY CRAFTS



With a black marker, draw the tree outline on blue paper, then let children apply the white paint with their fingers to make the clumps of snow, and use Q-tips for the falling snowflakes.

OR...



Let children use bubble wrap pressed into white paint to make snow; younger children could use a piece of bubble wrap rubber-banded to a toilet paper tube.

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