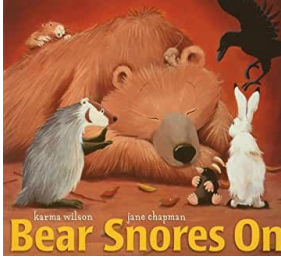




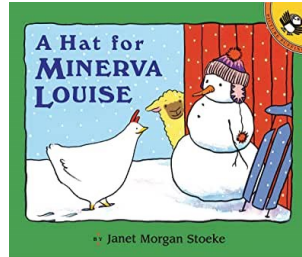
The Be **READY** Rover Review

January 2023 - Storytime— Winter Fun!

READ



Bear Snores On
by Karma Wilson



A Hat for Minerva Louise
by Janet Morgan Stoeke

TALK

What do animals do in the cold winter? (Bears and other animals hibernate, animals with fur get thicker coats, birds migrate or find warm places when it gets too cold.)

SING

We sang "Frosty the Snowman", with actions, and "Snow is Falling" (to the tune of "Frere Jacques" ("Are You Sleeping?") with paper doily snowflakes: "In winter time the winds are blowing all around, to and fro (the children wave their snowflakes around). Snow is falling down, falling to the ground, let it fall, watch it fall" (the children let their snowflakes fall).

WRITE

The children made a paper plate snowman that can rock! Each child was given a half paper plate that had been folded into a cone shape then pressed flat and glued together. The children used markers to add the eyes and the mouth, then used a glue stick to add a precut triangle nose and a scarf and hat.

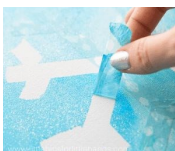
PLAY

Each child was given a felt piece of winter clothing and asked to place it where it belonged on the "magnetic boy" who needed to get dressed to go out in the snow. The children tried "snowbowling", using the sock snowballs from last month to try to knock down "pins" made from sturdy paper cups glued together and each decorated with a different shape. The children were asked to **roll** the snowballs instead of throwing them, and to say which shapes were on the pins they knocked down.

Try This!

Tape-Resist Snowflake paintings

STEAM



After showing pictures of real snowflakes and pointing out that they always have 6 sides, help the children use painter's tape on cardstock to make a snowflake shape, then let the children paint the whole page with blue watercolors or poster paint. Then peel off the painter's tape to reveal the snowflake!

Check out last January's Storytime Video; <https://youtu.be/iYZZfDj1Fuw> . At 8:15 min. there are puppet skits about keeping well, at 19:24 you will see how to do the snow song with bits of paper and at 20:32 there is a snowman shape craft.

ATTENTION!

We welcome Leah Kistler who will join the Be **READY** Rover team on January 11th! You will get to meet her this month!



EASY Craft
Snowy Owl



Children dip a loofah into white poster paint and print an oval shape onto black paper. 2 Cut out circles are the eyes with white hole-punch circle for highlights. A black triangle makes the beak, and a branch is made from brown paper or a brown bag.

Snowman Snack

Spread 2 circles of cream cheese onto a cracker. Add pretzel stick arms, raisin eyes and mouth, pomegranate seeds or cranberries for the scarf and buttons, and a pumpkin seed for a nose.



Touch and Feel Letters



Draw letters on cardboard cards, then use hot glue or strong glue to make the letters with pipecleaner pieces. Show a letter to the child and ask them to find letters that match (you can use printed letters, ABC blocks, letters drawn on milk caps, etc.)

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