

SEASONAL RESOURCE SHEET

While we may not live daily in a winter wonderland, we can bring the magic of the season to the children in our care in some exciting ways! Freezing toys in ice, adding snow or ice to sensory bins, experiencing STEM in action as the cold meets the warmth. If we are lucky enough to have snowy weather, you can freeze a piece of dark construction paper then catch the snowflakes! As an extension add a magnifying glass to view the wonder of the snowflake up close. These activities not only nurture curiosity but also encourage creativity and exploration, turning winter into a season of discovery. Engaging children with these hands-on experiences fosters a love for learning and a deeper appreciation for the wonders of nature



Frosty Adventures for Enjoyable Winter Fun



"Colorful water ready to become icy art! Children pour water into molds and add food coloring for a vibrant start."



"Little hands at work! Using salt and warm water droppers, children discover how ice changes shape. This simple yet captivating experiment teaches patience and the concept of cause and effect."



"Adding leaves and twigs to ice sculptures brings texture and a touch of the outdoors to their creations."



"Stacking frozen blocks into imaginative towers—learning balance and design through play. These activities allow young minds to explore principles of engineering and physics in a playful, hands-on manner."

When the Weather outside is Frightful...



Outdoor holiday decorations that double as delectable treats for birds. These wreaths, ornaments, and garland add a festive flair outside your home that your feathered neighbors are sure to appreciate. Find full instructions [here](#).



"Bringing bookmaking into your program is where ART and LITERACY intersect. Handmade books give children a structure, "architecture for the imagination," and entice them to fill their books with original ideas and stories". More information [here](#).

Snowkey Pokey

Tune: Hokey 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 Snowkey pokey and you turn yourself around.
That's what it's all about.

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



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Pathways for Engaging with Communication & Literacies

- In what ways do I encourage children to explore different ways of expressing a single idea? (e.g., Can you draw joy? What is a joyful sound? A joyful shape or colour? A joyful movement, a joyful facial expression?)
- Consider symbolic representation; that is, making marks that have meaning. How could I explore these ideas with children?
- Do children have opportunities to communicate in various modes? How could these be extended?



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