

Alberta Prairie C.O.W. Bus

Winter Newsletter 2011



Activities

Winter Literacy

Curling up by the fire with a good book might be the first thing that comes to mind, but there are things we can do and learn outside, too!

- ❄ Stomp out letters, shapes, or numbers in the snow.
- ❄ Take some (waterproof) toys outside and build a snow-castle, playground, or racetrack to play on.
- ❄ Play with snow! Sprinkle some on a **cold** piece of black construction paper. What do the flakes look like? Try taking a bucket of snow inside to melt: what is snow made of?

- ❄ Can you find any tracks? What made them? Where were they going?
- ❄ Do you see any animals? What are they doing? How many are there?
- ❄ Talk about the things you saw and did when you go inside to warm up. Draw pictures of your day or write descriptions of photos you took.

*Stay warm, dry,
and have fun!*



More great outdoor ideas:

The NWT Literacy Council has put together a list of "20 Fantastic Outdoor Family Literacy Ideas." You can find it online at:

<http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/resources/famlit/howtokit/winter-activities.pdf>

Rhymes

I'm a Little Snowman

(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little Snowman, short and fat.
Here is my tummy, and here is my hat.
Here are my eyes, my mouth, my nose.
I'm made out of snow from my head to my toes.

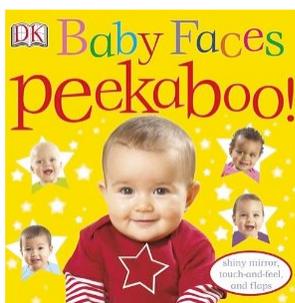
Dance Like Snowflakes

(Tune: Frère Jacques)

Dance like snowflakes, dance like snowflakes
In the air, in the air
Whirling, twirling snowflakes
Whirling, twirling snowflakes
Here and there, here and there.

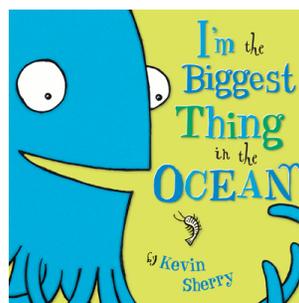
Book Recommendations

0 – 2 years



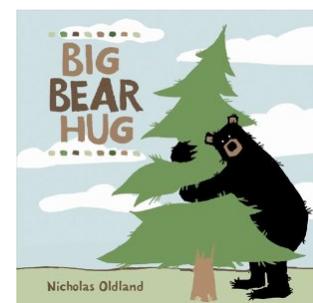
Baby Faces Peekaboo!
from DK Publishers

3 – 4 years



I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean
by Kevin Sherry

5 – 6 years



Big Bear Hug
by Nicholas Oldman

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