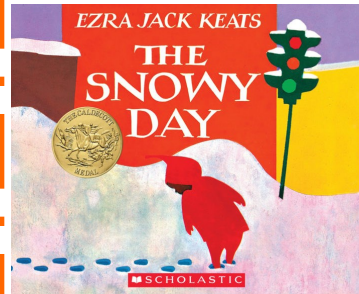




The Scoop in Family Child Care

For Licensed Home Child Care Providers

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Featured Book

Read this classic book aloud by searching YouTube for "The Snowy Day read-aloud"

or visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QYWodTneg-Q>

For a list of other winter books, visit <https://shop.scholastic.com/teachers-ecommerce/teacher/subject/seasons/winter.html>

Healthy Snowman Snack

Children can build their own!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 banana, peeled & sliced (3 slices per snowman)
- 5 mini chocolate chips
- 1 pretzel stick
- 1 baby carrot
- 1 strawberry (sliced into quarters)
- Butter knife
- Plates

WHAT YOU'LL DO:

First, gather up your supplies. You can make several snowmen out of one banana. The carrot and strawberry can also be used to make many snowmen.

WHAT THE CHILDREN CAN DO:

- Take three banana slices and line them up as illustrated below.
- Use two mini chocolate chips for the eyes.
- Use the other three for the buttons on the snowman.
- Slice a sliver of the carrot off and poke it into the top banana slice under the eyes to serve as the nose.
- Break the pretzel stick in half and these will serve as the arms. Poke them into the middle banana slice.
- Place one of the strawberry quarter slices above the top banana slice to serve as the hat.

TALK ABOUT:

- The healthy food groups most of the ingredients come from—fruits, vegetables, and grains!
- the shapes that build a snowman!
- children's observations as they use their 5 senses to explore their snowman snack!
- the sequence of how to build a snowman snack and a real snowman!

<https://www.pre-kpages.com/classroom-recipes-banana-snowman/>

MAKE A BANANA



Snowball Science

When Peter put a snowball in his pocket before going back inside, he discovered it disappeared!

Have the children each bring a snowball in like Peter, but try placing them in different locations throughout your home in bowls/bags to make predictions!

Which ones will melt slowest, fastest, or not at all?

Children can choose: the freezer, fridge, counter, bathroom, etc. Try places with different temperatures to get different results!

You and the children can observe the snowballs throughout the day—discussing and/or drawing the results of your observations of how the snowballs are changing!

See how long it takes each snowball to change—if it does! Talk about why some snowballs melted faster or slower than others.

Peter felt sad when his snowball melted. Ask the children how they felt when the snowballs changed.

<https://simpleplayideas.com/kids-science-activity-snow-fun>



The Snowy Day Art

Use scrap paper to create beautiful cityscapes with shapes like those in the story!

What you'll need:

- White paper
- Watercolor paints
- Paper towels
- Scrap paper (various colors & patterns)
- Glue stick or double-sided tape
- White crayon
- Paintbrush
- Scissors

- 1 Snowdrift paper: Scribble all over white paper with white crayon.
2. Paint with diluted watercolors in purples and blues. Wipe away excess with paper towel and let dry completely.
- 3 Use blue paper as the base. Build skyline with long rectangles of scrap wrapping paper. Glue or tape rectangles to base paper.
- 4 Cut snowdrifts from watercolor paper made in step 1. Place free-form in front of and on top of skyline buildings.
- 5 Add specific details (e.g., trees, snowman, a fence) using circles, triangles, and rectangles cut from scrap paper. Attach with glue or double-sided tape.

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/crafts-make-snowy-day-shape-collage/>



Act Out the Story!

Cross your fingers for snow so children can sequence the story by acting it out themselves!

1. Read The Snowy Day.
2. Children put their snowsuits just like Peter to go outside.
3. Crunch, crunch, crunch through the snow. Listen for it!

4. Walk with their toes pointing out & pointing in, like Peter did!
5. Drag their feet slowly to make tracks. Sticks make a new track!
6. Lie on their backs to make snow angels!
7. Make a snowball to bring in to see if it melts, like Peter did!



Child Care Workforce Bonus

In September, Governor Pritzker announced the Child Care Workforce Bonus program to recognize the efforts of child care staff who served and continue to serve children and families in person during the pandemic. This bonus is funded by federal pandemic relief funds.

Child Care Workforce Bonuses will be available to licensed and license-exempt providers who were caring for children in March 2021 and continue to care for children today.

For Licensed Family Child Care: Must apply through the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (INCCRRA) at:

<https://www.ilgateways.com/financial-opportunities/child-care-workforce-bonus> Check frequently to see when the application is made available!

For questions on the Workforce Bonuses, email: bonuses@inccrra.org

"Every child needs to be loved in gigantic quantities and with unbelievable quality."

— Daniel Mackler



GOECD Briefing Will Focus on COVID-19 in Child Care:

December 9

IDPH Epidemiologist, Shelby Daniel-Wayman, will provide the latest data on COVID-19 in Illinois child care settings. GOECD staff will also provide updates on child care policies, access to vaccines, and other useful information. This GOECD Briefing will take place on **Thursday December 9, 2021, from 12:30-1:00 pm**. If you are not able to join at that time, the Briefing will be recorded and posted to the [GOECD Newsletters & Briefings page](#) on the GOECD website.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/OECD/Pages/GOECD-Newsletters-and-Briefings.aspx>



Safe Sleep Information for Child Care Providers and Families

Every year, about 3,400 babies in the United States die suddenly and unexpectedly while sleeping, often due to sudden infant death syndrome or accidental deaths from suffocation or strangulation. The Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance System (ECTTAS) has compiled information and resources on best practices for states, providers, and families on safe sleep. Child care providers can champion safe sleep practices and environments, not only in their programs, but also with parents and families.

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/safe-sleep>

Child Care Connection Referral Service

We like to have current information for our clients and providers! Has your schedule changed? Has your rates changed? Have you submitted your Complete Provider Survey that is updated annually? If not, please email/fax/mail your survey to Becky, our referral specialist so that the information can be obtained. In January, you can expect a phone call from Becky as she will be asking for vacancy information. If you have any questions about referrals or surveys, you may contact Becky at 309-686-3750, Option 3.



For information on any of our programs and services

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Visit our Website at: www.salccc.org

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For CCAP information choose Option 2 For help in finding childcare call Becky @ Option 3

For a Quality visit call Christy or Catrina @ Option 9 For information on becoming a new provider call Stephanie @ Option 6

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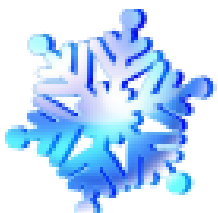
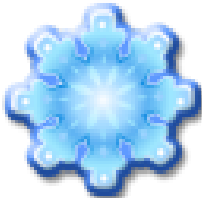
							
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