

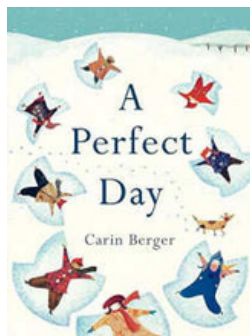


THE SCOOP IN FAMILY CHILD CARE

For Licensed Home Child Care Providers

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FEATURED BOOK



After a night of snow, many children come outside and play in the fresh covering. They ski, make tracks, build snowmen, skate, make snow angels, and more. By the end of the day, the children are cold and all head home to warm up with some hot chocolate. "The perfect end to a perfect day."

Dig Deeper Questions

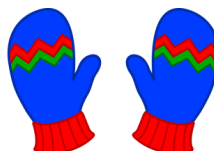
1. Have you ever made shapes in the snow?
2. Did you use your hands or feet?
3. What do you think makes a perfect winter's day?

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FINGERPLAY

THE SNOWKY POKEY

The Snowkey Pokey is a fun winter-themed variation of the classic Hokey Pokey fingerplay.



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MORE WINTER FUN BOOKS



Winter brings lots of changes to nature, and also offers all kinds of opportunities for playing in the snow. This list of winter books includes stories about snow day play, animals preparing for hibernation, and the many changes in nature that winter brings. You will love these beautiful illustrations and well-written winter books.

MITTEN SNOWBALL GAME



To get ready for this game, simply cut a mitten shape out of each color of felt. Cut a circle out of white felt for the snowball. Hide the snowball under a mitten while your child closes his or her eyes.

Next, have your child try to guess where the snowball is hidden. "Is it under the green mitten?" Lift up the mitten and answer yes or no. Continue this with the other mittens until the snowball is discovered.

CREATIVE WRITING

WORDS IN ICE

Using Ice Cubes to Create Words
An enjoyable activity for children is freezing letters in ice cubes and then using them to form words.



SNOWY DAY printable writing tray



Banana Snowman Classroom Recipe



SNACK

- 1 banana, peeled and sliced
- 3 banana slices for each snowman
- 5 mini chocolate chips
- 1 pretzel stick
- 1 baby carrot
- 1 strawberry, sliced into quarters

SENSORY



- Fake Snow Mix
- 3 cups Baking soda
- 2 tablespoons Conditioner

youtube.com/shorts/FntBElo_s3k

CHILD CARE CONNECTION REFERRAL SERVICE

Hello Providers!

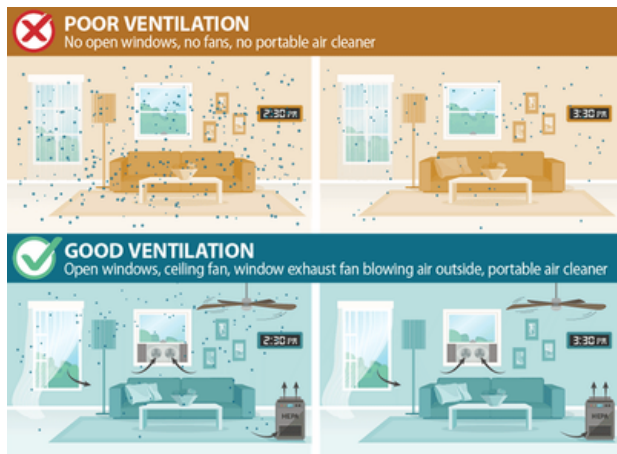
Thank you to those of you who have gotten the Complete Update Survey back to me! If you haven't filled it out yet, please do so soon. If you need it resent (via email or mail) reach out to me and I will get it to you. I am making phone calls to those of you who haven't filled it out with the option of going over it on the phone as well. In case you need it, my phone number is (309)-686-3750 OPT 3 and my email is JGuzman@salccc.org. Thank you

Complete Update Survey



HEALTH & SAFETY

The quality of the air we breathe affects the health and well-being of children, staff, and families. Young children are sensitive to poor air quality, especially children with respiratory illnesses or chronic health conditions such as asthma. Poor indoor air quality can affect children's breathing, learning, and development. Viral particles that make you sick spread between people more easily indoors than outdoors. Improving ventilation and filtration can help protect people from getting infected with viruses and spreading them.



For more information visit:

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For a Quality visit or information on ExceleRate call Option 9

TRAINING SPOTLIGHT



New Calendar coming in January!

We'll announce the links and information here. Please contact us if you would like to request a particular training topic.

ECACE SCHOLARSHIP

We have some exciting news to share!

The ECACE Scholarship, a fantastic opportunity for those who work in Early Childhood Education, is now open until June 2024! Don't miss out on this golden chance to further your education and achieve your dreams. To learn more about the scholarship and how to apply, contact our Higher Ed Navigator who is available to speak to your staff.

Schedule a session by sending an email to higherednavigator@salccc.org. We are here for you every step of the way!!

Home Daycare Professional Group

Second Monday of the Month
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Zoom meeting



Upcoming Topic:
December 11th
Sensory Processing



