

Snow Scenes

This can be a fun activity after a snow storm. If you live in a climate where there is no snow, find some pictures of places with snow to show the children what it is like.

- Have the children draw or paint a picture on colored construction paper of things they see outside, such as trees, cars and trucks, houses, stores, etc.
- Use some cotton balls or pieces of cotton and glue these to the picture to look like snow. Small balls can be made to look like snowballs or snowflakes. The cotton can be stretched out to look like piles of snow when it is glued over the drawing.

- Put the glue on the paper before placing the cotton on it, so the cotton will stick to the drawing and not to fingers.



After completing the snow scenes, teach the children the following poem:

Snow Poem

I love to watch the snowflakes fall
and blanket everything in sight --
The yard, the trees, the neighbor's wall
They're covered all with spotless white.



Snowperson Shape Game

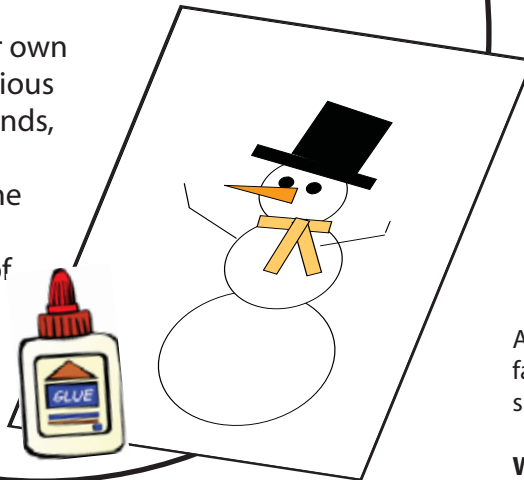
What you need:

White paper circles for the snowperson's body
Construction paper shapes of various sizes and colors
– be sure to have triangles, squares, circles, and rectangles
White school glue or paste

What to do:

The children can “build” their own snowperson and use the various shapes for the face, arms, hands, hat, scarf, buttons, etc.

*To expand this activity, the children can count the number of each type of shape used to make their snowperson.



Freeze Game

Games such as this help children practice controlling their bodies and following directions. It is important for them to be able to start and stop quickly and they need lots of practice. Here is a fun way to do this: Have the children stand in a line or a circle. Allow space for them to move freely. Ask them to do an action, then say freeze. Here are some examples:

- Walk Freeze
- Hop Freeze
- Run Freeze
- Jump up and down Freeze
- Dance Freeze
- Swing your arms Freeze
- Shake your head Freeze
- Wave your hand slowly Freeze

You can add your own ideas for movements to the list.

Ice Melting Experiment

Ask the children, “Will ice melt faster in sunlight than it does in the shade?”

What you need:

2 pieces of colored construction paper
2 cookie sheets or small trays
8 ice cubes
A sunny place and a shady place in the room

What to do:

Put four ice cubes on each piece of paper on the tray or cookie sheet.

Place one in a sunny spot near a window and the other in a shady place in the room.

Have the children check them every half hour to see which ice cubes melt first.

Ask them why this happens.

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