



Snowstorm

WTG At Home, Winter Quarter Weeks 5 & 6

Materials in Purple provided at December 10th Art Pickup

Art Activity: Mitten Painting!

Materials: mitten shaped paper, pair of old mittens, washable paints, tray

Directions: Place a few dollops of washable paints onto a tray. Have your little one put on an old mitten or glove and use it to paint their mitten paper. It's a fun new way to create colorful art!

Extensions: Use primary colors (red, yellow, and blue) and let your toddler experiment with mixing colors together. Read the book ["Mouse Paint"](#) to learn about primary and secondary colors.



Art & Sensory: Marshmallow Stamping



Materials: snowman shaped paper, jumbo marshmallows, washable paint, tray

Directions: Place a few dollops of washable paint on a tray. Have your toddler dip jumbo marshmallows into the paint and stamp the color onto the snowman paper. Try mixing colors or making pictures out of the circle shapes.

Alternative: Instead of using washable paints from the store, create your own paint at home! For each color combine $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of water, and gel food coloring. The paint is safe to eat and creates a fun texture!

Fine Motor: Snowball Drop

Materials: white cotton balls, chop sticks or salad tongs, container for collecting cotton balls

Directions: Oh no! It's snowing inside the house! Throw white cotton balls into the air and watch them fall to the ground. Have your toddler use chop sticks or salad tongs to collect them all up. Repeat again and again, creating a real blizzard of fun!



Imaginative Play & Gross Motor: Topple the Snowman!



Materials: empty boxes, white paper, **black paper circles**, **orange paper nose**, markers, misc. art supplies for decorating

Directions: Collect a variety of empty boxes (you know you have some from your recent Amazon orders 😊). Use white paper to cover the sides. Stack the boxes to create a snowman. Don't forget to add some black paper buttons and an orange paper nose! Once the snowman is built it's time to knock him over! Have your toddler use their body, a soft toy, or pillows.

Extensions: Build a whole family of snow people! Try mixing and matching the boxes to make silly shaped snowmen. Can you make one that is tall and skinny? How about short and fat? What about a snowman that has two heads?

Imaginative Play: Bundle Up!

Materials: variety of winter clothing (scarves, hats, gloves, coats, etc), both kids and grown up size

Directions: How many hats can you fit on your head? How about scarves around your neck? Can you put on two coats, or four?! Have fun dressing up in all your winter clothing. For even more fun, try putting grown up clothes on kids, or kids' clothes on grownups!

Extensions: Make it a race - which parent can put the most winter clothes on in 1 minute? Or perhaps let your little one dress you! Have them put hats on your hands and gloves on your head. Make it as silly as you can!



Imaginative Play: Indoor Winter Wonderland



Materials: Sled or large baskets, pillows or couch cushions, dolls or stuffed animals, winter clothes, “snowballs” made from white socks, white blankets

Directions: Create your own winter wonderland inside your house! Use pillows or couch cushions and a white blanket to create a “ski slope”. Ride down the slope on a sled or have your favorite doll or stuffed animal take the ride. Put on your winter clothes and have a “snowball” fight with folded socks. Create “igloos” by putting a white bedsheets over a table and sitting underneath. Create your very own “snow tunnel” with chairs and a white bedsheets. The possibilities are endless when you let your imagination lead the way!

Sensory Bin: Snow Dough (edible!)



Materials: 3 cups corn starch, 3 cups flour, ½ cup vegetable oil, plastic bin for storage and play

Directions: Mix corn starch and flour in a plastic bin. Add small amounts of oil and mix together using your fingertips (toddlers can help!) until you have a fluffy consistency. Add toys or kitchen utensils and enjoy this edible snow dough creation!

Alternative: Add a few drops of scents such as orange, cinnamon, or peppermint.

Sensory Bin: Paint the Snow

Materials: containers of snow (or shaved ice), paintbrushes or squirt bottles, food coloring, various scoops/trays/plastic scissors

Directions: Create water paints using food coloring and water. Place in small containers or squirt bottles. If it has snowed (fingers crossed!) gather some snow in a container. Use the paint to create colored snow! Try experimenting with mixing colors together or using different amount of paint. Add in scoops or plastic scissors and see what shapes you can create with the snow.



Science: Do You Want to Melt a Snowman? (Version 1)

Materials: 3 small round containers, variety of “snowman” objects (googly eyes, buttons, glitter, foam shapes), kids hammer and/or small cup for pouring warm water, tub for holding everything

Directions: Create “snowmen” ahead of time by freezing water with objects frozen inside. Place the ice snowmen in a tub and let your toddler experiment with how to get the objects out of the ice. Can they hammer the object out? Perhaps use warm water to melt the ice? Once the objects are out, let your older toddler sort into different groups. For younger toddlers, pay close attention that they do not put the items in their mouth!



Science: Do You Want to Melt a Snowman? (Version 2)

Materials: baking soda, water, small twigs (for arms), raisins or chocolate chips (for eyes), ribbon (for scarf), baster/eyedropper/spoon, vinegar, container with sides

Directions:

- Slowly add water to a large amount of baking soda. Add just enough to water to make it crumbly but packable.
- Shape the baking soda into snowball shapes.
- Create your mini snowman by stacking the balls together and adding arms, eyes, and a scarf
- Place some vinegar in a bowl and let your older toddler squirt vinegar onto the snowman. Watch it melt before your eyes!

Alternative: Instead of making balls, place the “snow” inside small paper cups. Add the eyes and arms on top, and then melt with the vinegar.



Songs/Fingerplays:

[5 Little Snowmen Standing in a Row](#)

[Dance Like Snowflakes](#)

[Frosty the Snowman](#)

[I Wanna Be a Snowman](#)

[I'm a Little Snowman](#)

[Winter Wonderland](#)

Read Alouds:

["Little Owl's Snow" by Divya Srinivasan](#)

["Millions of Snowflakes" by Mary McKenna Siddals](#)

["The Itsy Bitsy Snowman" by Jeffrey Burton](#)

["The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats](#)

["Why I Love Winter" by Daniel Howarth](#)

["Winter" by Ailie Busby](#)