

365 DAZE of Winter



What if every day was a “Snow Day”? This booklet provides 365 great ideas to celebrate the season.

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Idea Web

Introduce and explore the following topics to expand and inspire new activity ideas. Use this theme to expand children's vocabulary and knowledge of history, and geography.

- ❖ **Arctic**
- ❖ **Polar Bears**
- ❖ **Penguins**
- ❖ **Icebergs**
- ❖ **Glaciers**
- ❖ **Hibernation**
- ❖ **Snowflake**
- ❖ **Frost**
- ❖ **Snow**
- ❖ **Icicles**
- ❖ **Snowman**
- ❖ **Mittens**
- ❖ **Ice Fishing**



Art:

Snowflakes

Materials: a snowflake pattern, fabric paint, Ziploc plastic baggie, and glitter

Directions: Put the snowflake pattern in the plastic baggie and zip closed. Use the fabric paint on the outside of the baggie to trace over the snowflake pattern. Sprinkle glitter over the paint. Let dry.

Carefully shake off any excess glitter. Once completely dry, peel the snowflake off the baggy and put it up somewhere where everyone can see it.

Crystal Lantern

Materials: water, a large metal mixing bowl, a plastic yogurt container, a cupful of small stones or coins and, of course, freezing temperatures.

Directions: Pour a couple of inches of water into the mixing bowl. Place it outdoors to freeze. Fill the yogurt container with the stones or pennies, and center it on the ice in the bowl. Slowly pour more water into the bowl so that it nearly reaches the rim of the smaller container, and let it freeze solid. To remove the lantern from its mold, run warm water on the outside of the bowl and the ice should slip out. Next, dump out the contents of the inner container and pour in warm water to loosen it. Remove the container and place a votive candle in the opening.

Coconut Snowman

Draw the outline of a snowman on black paper with chalk. Spread glue over snowman. Sprinkle shredded coconut over the glue. Decorate by adding eyes, mouth, a hat, scarf and buttons.

Counting

Use Flash cards below to practice counting. Extend the activity with these simple ideas:

- ❖ On the back of each card stick on the appropriate number of stickers. For example: 6 stickers on back of the card labeled "6."
- ❖ Provide a supply of counters that are small enough to barely cover the stickers. Try transparent plastic bingo markers in different colors or beads, beans etc.
- ❖ Have the child
 - 1) place a card numeral side up,
 - 2) count out the correct number of counters,
 - 3) turn the card over and match up counters & stickers in one-to-one correspondence. This is a self checking activity. If the stickers and counters don't match up something is wrong.

