Song & Fingerplays

**Hat, Scarf, Mitten, and Boots**
Tune: Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes

Hat and scarf, mittens and boots,
Mittens and boots,
Mittens and boots.

Hat and scarf, mittens and boots,
Warm & cozy [hug yourself]
In the snow! [spirit fingers]

**Snowflake, Snowflake, Fancy Free**
Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Snowflake, snowflake, fancy free,
Snowflake, snowflake, dance with me.
First on my head, then on my toes,
Then on my nose, where the cold wind blows.
Snowflake, snowflake, turn around,
Snowflake, snowflake, touch the ground.

Snowflake, snowflake, fancy free,
Snowflake, snowflake, dance with me.
Touch my ear, then my knees,
Snowflake, snowflake, I'm about to freeze!
Snowflake, snowflake, turn around,
Snowflake, snowflake, touch the ground.

**Warm Mittens**

I wiggle my left mitten [wave hand]
I wiggle my right [wave hand]
Inside of my mittens [make “mitten” hands]
So warm and so tight.

I wiggle my pinkie [wiggle pinkie]
I wiggle my thumbs [wiggle thumbs]
So when I make snowballs
[cup hands together]
My hands don’t get numb!
[shake out hands]

Books to Share

Who doesn’t love the warmth of a cozy winter coat, warm gloves, or mittens, a snug hat, and a scarf to keep you warm on a frosty winter day? This month, we celebrate that warm feeling with books, rhymes, and songs about winter and preparing for the cold. In the classic book *Froggy Gets Dressed*, our friend Froggy tries his best to get dressed for the snow but forgets some important clothing items. We visit the barnyard in *A Hat for Minerva Louise* and see how a hen prepares for winter by finding unique headwear for the cold. Hopefully, these books and rhymes will help to make it the warmest of seasons despite the temperatures outside!

*A Hat for Minerva Louise* by Janet Morgan Stoeke
*Bear Gets Dressed* by Harriet Ziefert
*Froggy Gets Dressed* by Jonathan London
*The First Day of Winter* by Denise Fleming
*Under My Hood I Have a Hat* by Karla Kuskin

**Nursery Rhyme:** Three Little Kittens

**Music:** “Snowflake, Snowflake” from *Preschool Songs and Rhymes for Winter* by The Kimboomers

Looking for more book ideas? Check these out!

**Your next visit date will be January _____**

Next month’s theme will be *I’m a Paleontologist!*
The Family Guide to Outdoor Adventures: 30 Wilderness Activities to Enjoy Nature Together!
by Creek Stewart PTC 796.5 STE

Expert survival instructor Creek Stewart presents fun and engaging hands-on nature and camping projects that encourage caregivers and children to explore and experience the great outdoors while creating memories to last a lifetime. Projects include casting animal tracks, dyeing t-shirts with walnuts, and encouraging families to stop interacting with their tablets and experience nature together, all while expanding their creativity, curiosity, learning, and sense of wonder.

Try a Fun Activity

Hand Print Mitten Craft

- White Paint
- Paper Plate
- Red Cardstock
- Red Pom Poms
- Yarn
- Glitter
- Glue
- Scissors

1. Pour the white paint onto a paper plate and have your child dip their palms into the paint.
2. Press their hands on the red cardstock, leaving some area between the two handprints.
3. Sprinkle the handprints with glitter while the paint is still wet and allow to dry.
4. Once dried, cut out around the handprints in a mitten shape.
5. Use the pom poms to make a cuff on the mitten and add a piece of yarn to connect the two mittens.
6. Glue to a larger piece of paper or leave it as-is.

https://www.adabofgluewilldo.com/hand-print-mitten-craft/

More Rhymes

Warm Clothes for When It Snows
Tune: The Farmer in the Dell

My hat goes on my head
My hat goes on my head,
Warm clothes for when it snows,
My hat goes on my head!

My scarf goes round my neck,
My scarf goes round my neck,
Warm clothes for when it snows,
My scarf goes round my neck!

My gloves go on my hands,
My gloves go on my hands,
Warm clothes for when it snows,
My gloves go on my hands!

My boots go on my feet,
My boots go on my feet,
Warm clothes for when it snows,
They hold my body heat!

The Winter Wind Is Cold
Tune: The Farmer In The Dell

Let's sing a winter song, let's sing a winter song.
The days are short, the nights are long.
Let's sing a winter song.

The winter wind is cold, the winter wind is cold.
It freezes nose, ears, and toes.
The winter wind is cold.

Winter now is here, winter now is here,
Put on your coat, your hat, your gloves.
Winter now is here.

Questions or suggestions?
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