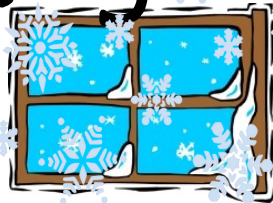


Opening the Gift



Outside My Winter Window

Winter by Tanya Thayer

No Two Alike by Keith Baker

Winter Lullaby by Barbara Seuling

Winter White by Christianne C. Jones

In the Snow by Sharon Phillips Denslow

When Winter Comes by Nancy Van Laan

Frisky Brisky Hippity Hop by Susan Lurie

Footprints in the Snow by Cynthia Benjamin

Right Outside My Window by Mary Ann Hoberman



Nursery Rhyme: Three Little Kittens Songs & Fingerplays to Share



CD: "Ring Them On the Floor" from *I Love to Hear the Sounds* by Kathy Reid-Naiman

Four Little Bells

The first bell's ring was fast.
The second bell's ring was slow.
The third bell's ring was loud.
The fourth bell's ring was low.
Then four little bells rang all together
To celebrate the winter weather!

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Feed the Birds

(tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Feed, feed, feed the birds
In the wintertime.
When the days are dark and cold,
Food is hard to find.

Feed, feed, feed the birds
Till the spring has come,
Scatter birdseed on the snow,
Feeding birds is fun!



Frisky Squirrel

(tune: "The Grand Old Duke of York")

Oh, the frisky little squirrel
He gathers nuts and seeds.
He hides them for the winter months
So he'll have all he needs.

Refrain:

Oh, up-up-up he goes
And down-down-down he comes.
He runs around - goes up and down.
His work is never done.

(repeat refrain)

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Winter Weather

Winter is cold.
(hug yourself & shiver)
There is snow in the sky.
(flutter fingers above head)

The squirrel gathers nuts
(pretend to gather nuts)
And the wild geese fly.
(flap arms)

The fluffy red fox
(cup hands over head for ears)
Has his fur to keep warm.
(stroke arms as if stroking fur)
The bear's in her cave
(form cave shape with arms)
Sleeping all through the storm.
(fold hands under cheek and close eyes)
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Your next visit will be: February
Next month's theme will be: "Pets on Parade"



More Books to Share:

Snowboy 1, 2, 3 by Joe Wahman
Sing a Season Song by Jane Yolen
Names for Snow by Judi K. Beach
Snow, Blowy Winter by Bob Raczka
Kitten's Winter by Eugenie Fernandes
Over and Under the Snow by Kate Messner
The Animals' Winter Sleep by Lynda Graham-Barber
Sugar White Snow and Evergreens by Felicia Sanzari Chernesky

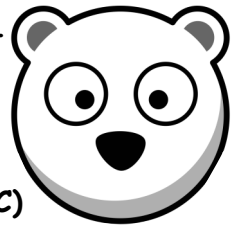
Activity Ideas:



Snowy Window: A winter window is definitely in the forecast! First, peel the sticker from one end of a plastic thread spool and pour a thin layer of white tempera paint into a shallow container. Then repeatedly dip the uncovered end of the thread spool into the white paint and press it onto a 9"x12" sheet of dark blue construction paper. When the desired effect is achieved, sprinkle the flurry of snowflakes with clear or silver glitter. Shake off the excess glitter and allow drying time. To create window panes, glue three 1/2"x9" black paper strips and three 1/2"x12" black paper strips onto the project as pictured. themailbox.com

Snowman Snack: Place two English muffin halves on a plate, one above the other, like a snowman. Spread cream cheese or white cake icing on the muffins. Add M&M candies or raisins for the eyes and mouth. Add a baby carrot for the nose. Add a piece of a fruit leather strip (fruit roll-up) for the scarf. prekinders.com

Polar Pal: Have youngsters stretch cotton balls and glue them to an oversize polar bear head cutout. After the bear is covered with "fur", add a large black pom-pom nose and two jumbo wiggle eyes. *The Mailbox 2012-2013 Yearbook PTC J 372.21 M*



Book of the Month:

Woodland Adventure Handbook by Adam Dove **NEW!** to the Parent Teacher Collection (PTC)

This book offers 10 'recipes' for Woodland adventures, each structured around a story which is designed to capture the imagination of 2-6 year olds. Each recipe provides parents and caregivers with a list of the kit required (generally, simple household objects) and a set of step by step instructions. 'Woodland Adventure Handbook' focuses on outdoor activities for younger children, combining fun, education and imagination.



Road to Reading Tip: Join the Puppy Tales Club!

For parents, caregivers and their children age birth - 5 years

PUPPY TALES CLUB
ON TRACK FOR READING 🐾 🐾 🐾

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