



# 6 by 6 Interactive Spaces: Snowballs

## SKILL AREA – TALK, TALK, TALK

### 1. Activity – MAKE A SNOW SCENE

- Sign: (with toucan graphic)
- Make a snow scene for the wall.

Describe the differences.

*The more words children hear, the easier it will be for them to learn to read.*

- Supplies: -Cardstock
- Winter Foam Sticker Shapes

## SKILL AREA – LOOK FOR LETTERS EVERYWHERE

### 1. Activity – DRAW AND WRITE TOUCH BOARD

- Sign: (with peacock graphic)

Press the plastic with your fingers to make shapes or letters. See how many you can make.

*Recognizing shapes helps children learn to recognize letters. Find fun ways to help your child learn the alphabet.*

- Supplies: -Draw and Write Touch Board

#### SKILL AREA – NOTICE PRINT ALL AROUND

##### 1. Activity – MAGNETIC DESIGN

- Sign: (with kangaroo graphic)

-S-N-O-W-B-A-L-L-S

*What words, shapes, pictures, and patterns can you make with these letters? Print is everywhere! Look for it wherever you go.*

- Supplies: Magnetic Letters

#### SKILL AREA – TELL STORIES ABOUT EVERYTHING

##### 1. Activity – STORY SEQUENCING

- Sign: (with turtle graphic)

-What Happened When the Sun Came Out? Put the large poster board pictures in the correct order from the story- *Snowman*.

*Sequencing a story leads to reading comprehension.*

- Supplies: Large Poster Board Pictures from the book laminated

##### 2. Activity – MITTEN MATCH AND HANG

- Sign (with turtle graphic)

-Do these mittens have a match? Can you hang them on the clothesline with the clothespins or make a pattern using the mittens?

*Matching, sorting, and sequencing games help kids with comprehension.*

- Supplies: -Clothesline with soft grip clips  
-8 Different pairs of mittens

##### 3. Activity – FROM PICTURES TO WORDS

- Signs:

-Ask your child to describe what they see in the pictures.

Write their responses and allow them to draw their own snowman pictures to go with their responses to the provided pictures.

*It is important for your child to see that their ideas can be written as words on a page.*

(with turtle graphic – Tell Stories)

Ask questions like: What do you see? What is happening? What will happen next?

What are the snowmen or snowwomen doing? Can you draw a snowman picture of your own?

- Supplies: -Snowman Part Pictures Displayed  
-Writing Center with (Lakeshore Writing Paper Roll; Colored Pencils, and Markers)

#### SKILL AREA – TAKE TIME TO RHYME

##### 1. Activity – PARTS OF A SNOWMAN

- Sign: (with goat graphic)

*Playing word games is a fun way to help children hear the smallest sounds in words.*

- Supplies: Large picture of a snowman with word-signs pointing to different parts of the picture. Match the parts of the snowman.

##### 2. Activity –FOOTPRINTS IN THE SNOW

- Signs:

-Pretend you are making footprints in the snow by staying on the foam squares, create a path to follow, order the numbers to create even more fun.

Create your own path with the number and letter floor mats. Can you walk forward and backward?

*Sensory input and body movement greatly impact a child's learning in the first few years.*

-Ask questions like:

Can you hop from square to square on one foot? Can you arrange the squares in a circle?

Can you arrange the squares in a straight line? What else can you do?

- Supplies: Letter and Numbered Floor Foam Mat Pieces

##### 3. Activity – ADDITIONAL READING

- Supplies- *The Snowman* by: Raymond Briggs
- Large Snowman Plush



## EARLY LITERACY KIT CONTENTS

SENT	RETURNED
___ Cardstock-72 Sheets	___
___ Snow Themed Foam Shapes (To use with Make-A-Snow-Scene)	___
___ Foam Magnetic Alphabet Set (To use with Magnetic Design)	___
___ Large Laminated Cardboard Scene Pictures-(From Snowman Story-Snowman Melting)	___
___ 8 Pairs of Mittens, Clothesline, 24 Soft Grip Clips (Mitten Match and Hang)	___
___ 8-Matted Snowman Scenes (To use with-From Pictures to Words)	___
___ Lakeshore's Table Top Paper Center (To use with-From Pictures to Words)	___
___ 8 Count of Markers (To use with-From Pictures to Words)	___
___ Snowman Plush (Large)	___
___ Hardcover- <i>Snowman</i> book	___
___ Paperback- <i>Snowman</i> book	___
___ <i>The Snowman</i> board book by: Raymond Briggs	___
___ 10 Foam Floor Mat Pieces in Navy Fabric Tote (To use with-Footprints in the Snow)	___
___ Snowman Poster Board (Velcro Matching Parts. Use with Parts of a Snowman)	___
___ Lakeshore's Draw and Write Touch Board	___
___ Disinfecting Wipes	___

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**Please clean all toys and puzzles with the provided disinfectant wipes. Thank you.**

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**Comments/Suggestions – What worked, what didn't?**