

Children's Literature Across the Curriculum Ideas

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Title: *The Snowy Day*

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Grade Level: K-2

Summary: A young boy spends an adventurous day in the snow playing with snowballs and building a snowman.

Reading And Writing Connections:

1. Discuss children's previous experience with the snow. Discuss what snow looks and feels like.
2. Talk about what activities you can do in the snow.
3. Have children draw and write about what they would like to do in the snow.
4. Brainstorm a class list of "snow" words to use later in writing.

Vocabulary

covered	dragged	heaping	path	smacking
snow	snowman	snowsuit	snowy	

Library Connections

1. Share other books related to winter with your students:
White Snow, Bright Snow by Alvin Tresselt
Caps, Hats, Socks, And Mittens by Louise Borden
Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
Keep Looking! by Millicent Selsam

Science/Math Connections

1. How long does a snowball last? Place snowballs around the room in areas with differing amounts of light. Have the children observe the snowballs to find out which one melts first. Discuss why. (For areas of the country without a lot of snow, ice cubes can take the place of snowballs for this activity.)
2. Making Snow People cookies. The children will follow a recipe for making sugar cookies in the shape of people. They will then decorate the cookies with white icing to make snow people.

Communication Arts Connections

1. Have the students write a story about what might have happened if Peter's snowman was a magic snowman and came to life.
2. Have the students create books telling people how to dress for snowy weather.
3. Create a mural of snowy day pictures that the students can display in the classroom or the school.

Art Connections

1. Provide the students with white paper and scissors. Show them how to fold the paper to cut a snowflake. Have the children make their own snowflakes. Be sure to discuss the fact that there are no two snowflakes alike.