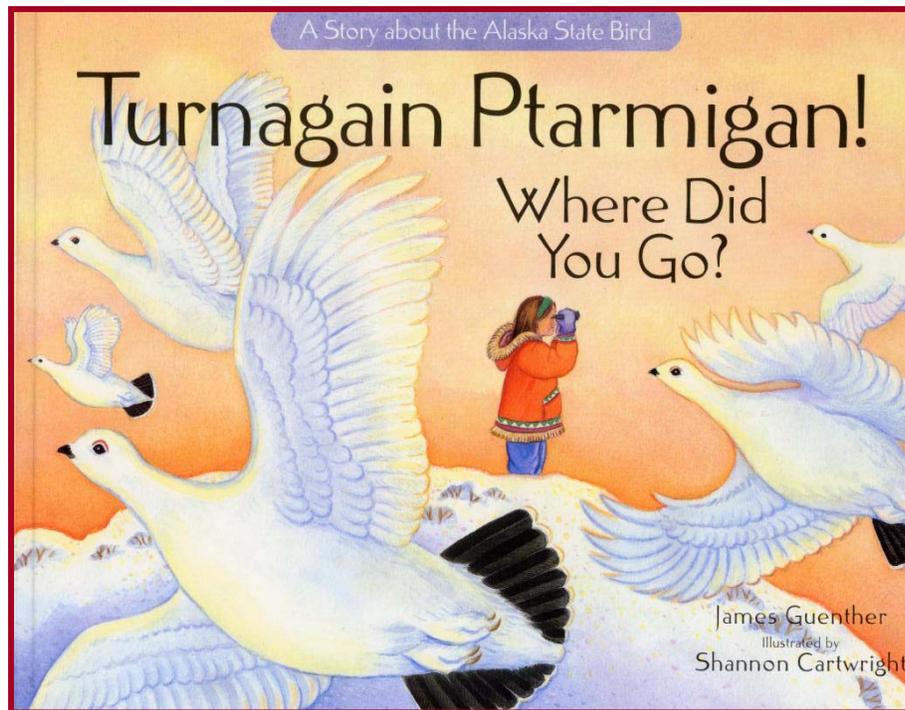


Books in the Home Program



Turnagain Ptarmigan!: Where Did You Go?

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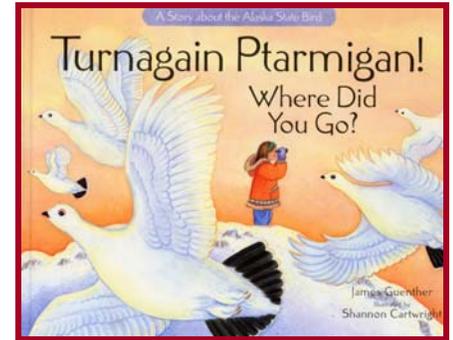
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Copies of *Turnagain Ptarmigan*

If you would like to buy more copies of the book *Turnagain Ptarmigan*, you can contact your local bookstore.



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What You Will Need for This Session

- A copy of *Turnagain Ptarmigan* for each family in the program
- A journal for parents
- Copies of *Mother Raven Nursery* book (can order from NWT Literacy Council)
- Copies of *Rhymes/ Songs Bingo* handout
- Copies of *Northern Rhymes* handout
- Copies of the *Language Development* handout
- Copies of the *Activities to Do at Home with Your Children* handout
- Copies of the *Literacy Action Plan* handout
- Craft materials—crayons, glue, scissors, paper, etc.
- *Turnagain Ptarmigan* activities in this kit
 - ★ Quick Facts about Ptarmigans
 - ★ Which goes with what season?
 - ★ Seasonal Clothing
 - ★ Ptarmigan Word Fun
 - ★ Turnagain Ptarmigan Word Search
 - ★ Rhyming Cards

Snack of the Week—

TACO DIP

1 500 ml of cottage cheese

1 250 ml of cream cheese

1 pkg. of taco seasoning

1 tomato

1 red or green pepper

Salsa

Grated cheddar cheese

Nacho chips

Mix the cottage cheese and cream cheese together – mix well. Mix in the taco seasoning. Spread dip on a big plate. Layer dip with Salsa and sprinkled cheese and then add cut up vegetables. Enjoy!

Session Overview

Introductions

- **Warm Up Activity**—Do a warm up activity with participants.
Rhymes/Songs Bingo
- **Expectations**—Ask parents what their expectations of the evening are. Flipchart the responses and then try to meet those expectations.
- **Group Agreements**— Review the Group Agreements.

Group Brainstorm & Discussion

- **Review what happened during the week**
 - What kinds of literacy activities did you do at home last week?
 - Did you follow your action plan?
 - How did it go?
- **Oral language development**
 - Give out *Northern Rhymes* handout
 - Learn 2 of these rhymes together
 - Give out *Language Development* handout
 - Go over it with the participants, explaining how rhymes, songs and stories promote oral language and pre- literacy skills
 - Talk about the importance of speaking their first language at home

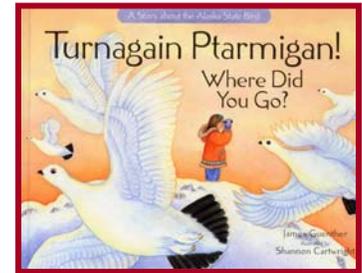
Tip of the Week— Rhymes

Have parents share rhymes and songs in their Aboriginal Language. Encourage families to speak their language at home. Their children will learn English outside the home.

Books in the Home

***Turnagain Ptarmigan* by James Guenther**

- Introduce the book.
- Read the book together as a group.
- Discuss the book as a group.
- Brainstorm activities related to this book that parents can do at home with their children.
- Make an activity related to the story that families can use at home.
- Give out handouts related to the book and review the activities together. Make sure you go over each activity and show parents how to do them.



Adult Writing

- Have parents review the weekly Literacy Action Plan for next week.
- Have parents write down one thing in their journals that they learned this evening and then share it with the group, if they want to.

Wrap Up

- Ask the participants for feedback on the session: “What did you like about the session? What did you not like?”

Story Time

- Have children come back from their reading circle to spend time reading with their parents.
- Gather everyone together and read one more story or teach the poems to everyone.

Nutritional Snack

- Take a break for a nutritional snack and drinks.

Rhymes/Songs Bingo

Come up with 16 different rhymes or songs that you know and put them randomly on the next sheet.

After the game – have parents share some of the rhymes and songs with the group. Do they do rhymes or songs in their Aboriginal language?



N o r t h e r n R h y m e s

1 - 2 - 3



RHYME WITH ME

Five Little Snowflakes

Five little snowflakes
Flying by my door
One blew away
And then there were four.



Four little snowflakes
Falling down on me
One blew away
And then there were three.



Three little snowflakes
Falling down on you
One blew away
And then there were two.



Two little snowflakes
Having lots of fun
One blew away
And then there was one.



One little snowflake
Sitting in the sun
It melted away
And then there were none.

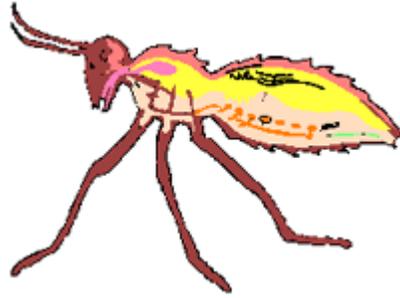
I'm A Little Snowman



I'm a little snowman,
short and fat;
Here is my scarf,
and here is my hat.
Lumps of coal for eyes,
and a carrot nose,
And I'm all ready
when the cold wind
blows!

(This song is sung to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot")

Bugs



Bugs, bugs, go away,
Don't come back again this way,
Summer's here, we want to play.

The Strangest Sight I Have Ever Seen



The strangest sight I have ever seen
Is a little old lady on a snow machine.

She wears a pink scarf and big fur mitts
And a bright green parka that doesn't quite fit.

She skids over ice and sinks in the snow
She drives very fast—she never goes slow!

She wears caribou mukluks and a blue knit hat
She isn't very tall, but she sure is fat!

She drives like a wild man, up hill and down
She drives that skidoo all over town.

The strangest sight I have ever seen
Is a little old lady on a snow machine.

This Little Puppy



This little puppy went uptown

This little puppy stayed home

This little puppy ate dry fish

This little puppy had none

And this little puppy said “ruff, ruff, ruff”

All the way home

