

# Families Learning Together

## Tips for Winter



### Reading Rocks!

Go to the library and search for ideas on how to make a bird feeder. Find a spot to hang it up outside.

Make a fort out of dark blankets and plenty of soft cushions, then make white paper snowflakes and create an indoor winter wonderland. You can use this as your family winter reading nook.

Find a new cookie recipe online or in your cookbooks and use special winter cookie cutters.

Have a family sing-a-long with winter songs like Jingle Bells.

### A Funny Little Snowman

A funny little snowman  
Had a carrot nose.  
Along came a rabbit  
And what do you suppose?

That hungry little rabbit  
Looking for his lunch  
Ate that snowman's nose  
With a crunch, crunch, crunch!

### The Winter Pokey

Tune: The Hokey-Pokey

You put your right mitten in  
You take your right mitten out  
You put your right mitten in  
And you shake it all about (Shiver)  
Do the Winter Hokey Pokey  
And you turn yourself around  
That's what it's all about!

*(Additional verses)*

You put your left mitten in  
You put your right boot in  
You put your left boot in  
You put your warm scarf in  
You put your warm cap in



## Math is Fun!

Count the people standing in line, the number of steps to the library, the number of mittens in the basket (then sort the mittens into pairs).

Give your child the measuring cups and bowls and let him measure out the ingredients while you read the directions out loud. An easy and delicious way to introduce volume and weight!

When you're driving, walking or taking the bus around town, have your child look for and call out numbers in street and store signs, and on licence plates.

### Counting Snowflakes

Two snowflakes fell last night  
The start of a blanket, fluffy and white  
Then came three, then came four  
Beautiful flakes, then more and more

Down, down the snowflakes fell  
I counted and counted flakes, until  
The yard was covered, the house was, too  
A winter wonderland, that started with two!



### Five Sugar Cookies

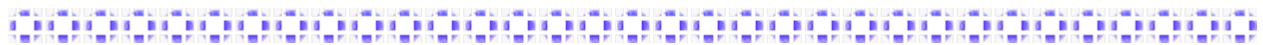
Five sugar cookies  
With frosting galore  
Mother ate one  
Then there were \_\_\_\_\_

Four sugar cookies  
Two and two, you see  
Father ate one  
Then there were \_\_\_\_\_

Three sugar cookies  
And before I knew  
Sister ate one  
Then there were \_\_\_\_\_

Two sugar cookies  
Oh, what fun  
Brother ate one  
Then there was \_\_\_\_\_

One sugar cookie  
I'll grab it and run  
When I eat it  
There will be none!



## Let's Go Outdoors!

Have fun making snow angels together and measure which one is the longest and the shortest.

Find a nice long stick and you and your child can practise writing your names in the snow.

Make snow castles or obstacle courses in the backyard or at the park.

Use a snowman to teach your little ones about the names of parts of the body, face or clothing.



### Snowflakes, Snowflakes

Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Snowflakes falling  
One by one  
Time to play and have some fun  
Build a snowman  
Snowballs, too  
Come and see what you can do,  
Snowflakes falling  
One by one  
Time to play and have some fun

### The Snow is Falling

Tune: The Farmer In the Dell

The snow is falling down  
The snow is falling down  
Heigh ho, fast then slow  
The snow is falling down

The yards are covered with snow  
The yards are covered with snow  
Heigh ho, just watch it snow  
The yards are covered with snow

Continue with other places the snow might fall on, such as, the streets, the cars, the houses, me.



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## Hooray for Winter! - Plaisirs d'hiver

Bonjour l'hiver par Pascale de Bourgoing

Winter Wonderland by Jill Esbaum

Snowy, Blowy Winter by Bob Raczka

Bella adore le patin par Ian Whybrow

Kitten's Winter by Eugenie Fernandes



L'hiver par Núria Roca

Canada sports d'hiver par Per-Henrik Gürth

Step-by-step Crafts for Winter by Kathy Ross

Flocons de neige, histoire et bricolages par Judith Moffatt

Perfect Snow by Barbara Reid

