

STORY TIME!

“Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers.” Kahlil Gibran

Snowballs

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When it’s snowing outside, there’s only one thing to do: pull on some mittens and head outside!

Before the lesson

Objective: Students will create a snow friend using materials found around the classroom.

- **Collect materials** that can be used to decorate their snow friend such as: yarn, buttons, colored paper scraps, material scraps, twigs, etc.
- **Discuss** all the things we can do outside in the winter when snow is on the ground (make snow angels, snowmen/women, throw snowballs, hike, etc.).

Read and Discuss

Read Snowballs and discuss:

1. **Ask:** What are all the items the author made her snow people from?
2. **Ask:** What could you use to create your own Snow Friend?
3. **Activity: Build a Snow Friend**
 - a. Give each child a snowperson outline or several circles of different sizes glued on to a larger piece of construction paper.
 - b. Tell student to think about ways to make their Snow Friend unique. Does your Snow Friend need a hat, scarf, or mittens? What about hair, eyes, mouth, arms, legs and clothes? Is your Snow Friend a person or an animal?
 - c. With assistance, students can create a **Meet My Snow Friend** card:
My Snow Friend is _____
My Snow Friend has _____
My Snow Friend is awesome because _____

Extension

- Make a snack of “snowballs” (white cheddar cheese balls).
- Make puffy snow out of Elmers glue and shaving cream and allow students to create a snowscape.