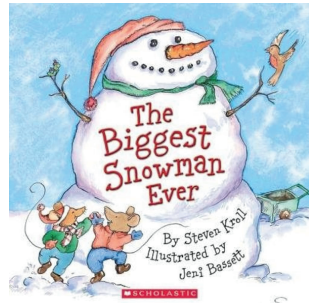


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Featured Book

When the mayor of Mouseville announces the town snowman contest, Clayton and Desmond claim that they will make the biggest snowman ever! Building a big, huge snowman alone is hard. They work, and work, but their snowmen just aren't big enough. Soon, they have an idea.



As the day of the contest approaches, Clayton and Desmond join forces to build the biggest snowman ever. Throughout this book, children will enjoy colorful illustrations, while finding a nice story about teamwork and cooperation.

<https://youtu.be/rG3c8LIcNCU?si=dUeukuhNhOokPfBD>

Sensory

Snowy Sensory Bin

Bring snow inside to play with in the water or on a table. Measure the snow, color the snow with watercolors, and more.



Things you can include:

- Snow
- Washable Paints
- Small Bowls
- Pipettes
- Sensory Bin
- Water

Art Project

Melted Snowman

Materials Needed

- Googly Eyes
- Construction Paper
- Scissors
- White Paint
- Markers



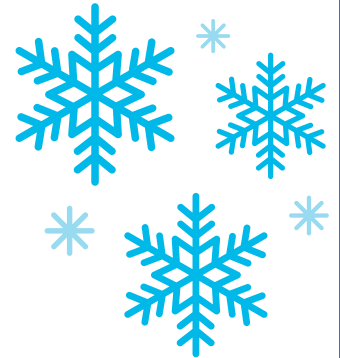
Instructions

Allow children to paint a melted snowman with the white paint. While the paint is still wet, have children add cut-out pieces (like a scarf, hat, nose, and arms) and googly eyes. Finish the art piece by giving children markers to name their snowman and write their names.

Finger Play

Icicles and Snowflakes

Snowflakes float so smoothly
to the ground
Smoothly to the ground
Smoothly to the ground
Snowflakes float so smoothly
to the ground
Twirling round and round
Icicles are sharp and cold
Sharp and cold
Icicles are sharp and cold
Sparkling like gold



<https://youtu.be/4NLLsDMsb-w?si=wM2vE0xD6cdXlyAR>

Nutrition

Snowflake Quesadillas

Ingredients

- Two Tortillas
- 1/2 cup of Shredded Cheese

Directions

- Fold up one of the tortillas.
- Using a pair of scissors, have your child cut up the tortilla, similar to a paper snowflake.
- In a pan, place the non-cut tortilla, shredded cheese, and top with the cut tortilla.
- Cook on the stove until the cheese has melted, then turn onto the other side for a minute.



Seasonal Books



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Referral Services

Submit Your Complete Update Survey

It's that time of year for you to fill out the Complete Update Survey! You should have received an email and paper copies over the past several weeks. You can also scan this QR code to fill out the form. The form should take about 15 minutes to complete.



If you have any questions, contact our Referral Specialist, Jessi, at jjuzman@salccc.org or (309) 686-3750, Option 3.

Trainings

Strengthening Business Practices for Family Child Care

Learn tips and best practices in fiscal, organizational, and financial goals and human resource documents to help break down the fiscal processes into manageable steps.

Wednesdays, February 12, March 12, April 16, & May 14
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Online Via Zoom

Presented by Courtney Hatcher, Project CHILD

Registration Deadline: 11:55 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4

Register at www.salccc.org/provider-services/training

Health & Safety

How to Help a Choking Child (Ages 1 to 8 Years Old)

Call 911 while you try the steps below and keep them informed.

1. Stand behind the child. Wrap your arms around the child's waist.
2. Make a fist with one hand, thumb side in. Place your fist just below the chest and slightly above the navel. Grab your fist with the other hand.
3. Press into the abdomen with a quick upward push. Repeat this inward and upward thrust until the piece of food or object comes out.
4. Once the object comes out, take the child to the doctor. A piece of the object can still be in the lung.

Grants

Round Three for the Smart Start Workforce Grant opens up on January 2!

These funds assist child care providers in offering more competitive wages for their staff to attract and retain talented staff and meet parents' needs at affordable rates.

Learn more about how to apply for these funds and if your program qualifies by going to www.salccc.org/provider-services/smart-start-workforce-grants, or contact our local Smart Start Expert, Heather, by emailing SmartStart@salccc.org or calling (309) 686-3750, Option 6.

Home Child Care Network

Home Child Care Network is seeking licensed home care providers to join their **free** program. Their program offers free monthly training, technical support for grants and budgets, mental health support including screenings, and add-on rates for 2nd and 3rd shifts and weekends, with monthly payments guaranteed by the 15th of the month.

For more information, call (309) 685-8064

Higher Education Navigation

Thinking about advancing your Early Education Career?

Contact a Higher Education Navigator for Help:

1. Determining your educational goals
2. Identifying which programs are available to best fit your needs
3. Connecting you with Early Childhood Education scholarship opportunities
4. Acting as a point of contact with Higher Education Institutions
5. Completing your Gateways membership
6. CDA cohort
7. Other assistance as needed

Call (309) 686-3750 Option 7

Training Stipends for Home Daycare

Quality Improvement (QI) Funds are available! The QI Funds have been developed and are offered to assist and support programs that are working towards/maintain an ExceleRate™ IL Circle of Quality. The stipend is designed to help with the costs of taking the required ExceleRate™ IL training.

For more information on any of our programs and services
Call: (309) 686-3750 | Fax: (309) 686-3850 | Visit: www.salccc.org
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