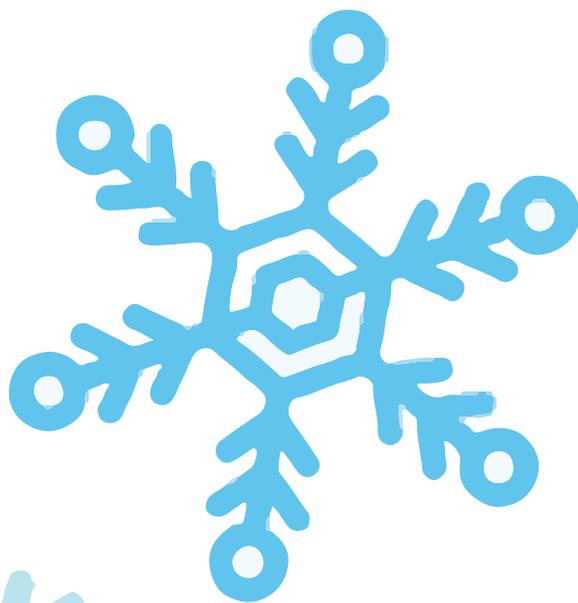


WINTER ACTIVITIES

PRE-K



EXPLODING SNOWMAN SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

What you need:

- sandwich bag
- permanent markers
- baking soda
- vinegar
- paper towel or tissue



How to do it:

Step 1:

Have the child decorate the sandwich bag with permanent markers. Draw a snowman's face.

Step 2:

Wrap 3 teaspoons of baking soda inside a piece of paper towel or tissue and place the baking soda package inside the sandwich bag.



Step 3:

Pour 1-2 cups of white vinegar into the sandwich bag and seal the bag quickly because the reaction will start immediately. Stand back and watch it explode!



Why did it explode?

As the baking soda mixes with vinegar, carbon dioxide gas is created. The bag starts to fill with carbon dioxide which causes the bag to start to swell up until the pressure is too much and...boom!

FROZEN PAINT

What you need:

- washable tempera paint
- ice cube tray
- white butcher paper or any roll of paper/big piece
- popsicle sticks



How to do it:

Step 1:

Grab the ice cube tray and fill each hole half way with paint. Top it with water, stir, and cover the tray with foil.

Step 2:

Take a knife and carefully make popsicle stick sized holes in the tin foil all the way around the ice cube tray. Then set in the popsicle sticks which are held upright by the foil.



Step 3:

Let the paint cubes sit in the freezer until frozen solid. Lay out some paper on the ground or table in preparation. Take the cubes out and start painting by holding the popsicle stick as the paint brush and watching as the paint melts onto your paper!



RECYCLED HIBERNATING BEAR CRAFT

What you need:

- toilet paper rolls
- large brown shopping bag
- twigs, popsicle sticks, cotton rounds/balls, construction paper or paint chips (for rocks)
- green marker/colored pencil



How to do it:

Step 1:

Have an adult cut out some bear shapes on the toilet paper rolls and the child can draw the faces and claws on them.



Step 2:

Cut out a cave opening from a large brown shopping bag and glue on your various items to add the elements of nature to the cave.



Step 3:

Once the glue is all dry, open the bag, fold over the top and staple it shut. Now you have a cave for the bears to sleep in during the winter!

HIBERNATION SONG

(to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?")

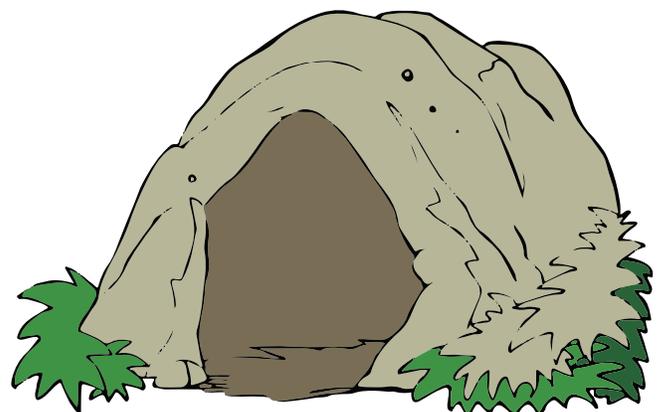
Hibernation, Hibernation
All winter long,
All winter long
Animals store up food,
Animals store up food
And go to sleep,
And go to sleep

Where is the bear?
Where is the bear?
In a den, in a den
Staying warm and cozy,
Staying warm and cozy
Until spring, until spring

Where is the bat?
Where is the bat?
In a cave, in a cave
Staying warm and cozy,
Staying warm and cozy
Until spring, until spring

Where is the chipmunk?
Where is the chipmunk?
In a burrow, in a burrow
Staying warm and cozy,
Staying warm and cozy
Until spring, until spring

Where is the snake?
Where is the snake?
Under a rock,
Under a rock
Staying warm and cozy,
Staying warm and cozy
Until spring, until spring.



MOOSE PUPPET

What you need:

- paper bag
- white paper
- googly eyes
- marker
- glue



How to do it:

Step 1:

Trace the child's hands on white paper for the antlers. Glue these onto the back side of the paper bag.

Step 2:

Glue googly eyes onto the flap part of the brown paper bag and color the nose in. There you have your moose puppet!

SNOW CANDY

What you need:

- 1 cup real maple syrup
- 1/4 cup butter



How to do it:

Step 1:

Add the ingredients to a pot and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Boil until you have a soft ball stage (240F) for chewy candy or hard ball stage (310F) for hard candy ideal for sucking on or crunching.

Step 2:

Pour the candy on clean, fresh snow that is at least 2" thick. The candy will sink down only slightly. Now pick up the candy and enjoy!



MELTED SNOWMAN CRAFT

What you need:

- construction paper
- shaving cream
- white school glue
- buttons
- craft sticks

How to do it:

Step 1:

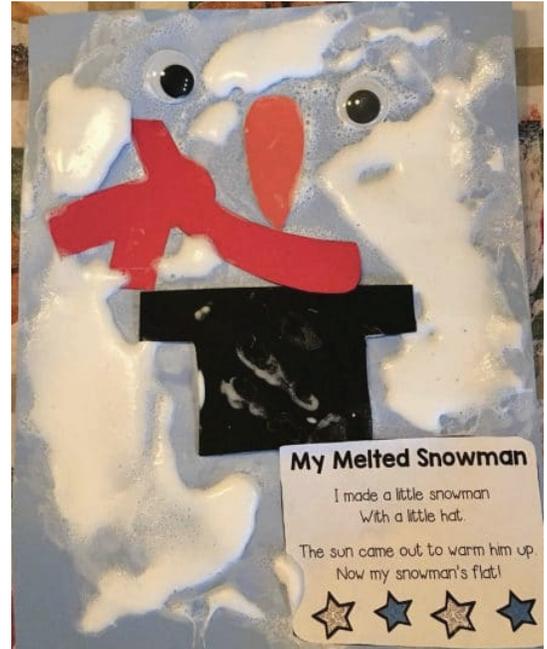
Cut out a carrot nose, scarf and hat out of construction paper. Set aside buttons and craft sticks.

Step 2:

Start by making your own puffy snow. Mix equal parts shaving cream and glue (about 1 cup to 1 cup). Mix it well and spread it all around the paper.

Step 3:

Add carrot nose, scarf, hat, buttons and craft stick arms. You can add this poem to the bottom!



My Melted Snowman

I made a little snowman
With a little hat.
The sun came out to warm
him up.
Now my snowman's flat!

OUTDOOR WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT



Bird



Animal Tracks



Pinecone



Rabbit



Something you only see in winter



Hat



Evergreen branch



Brown Leaf



Smoke from a chimney



Bare Tree



Snowman



Red berries



Snow



Boots



The sun



Mittens

POLAR BEAR MASK

What you need:

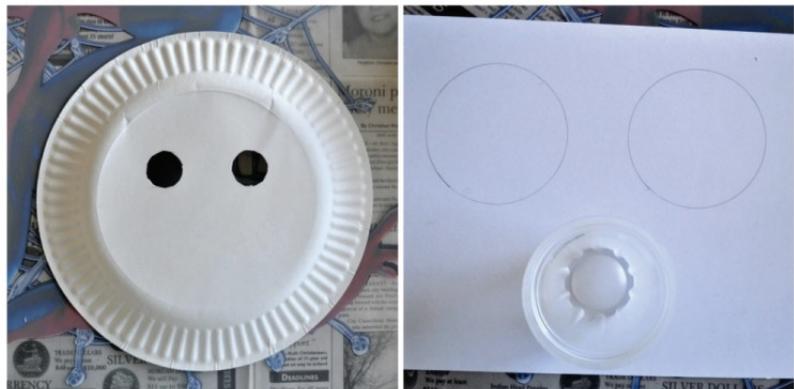
- paper plate
- white tissue paper
- school glue
- white cardstock paper
- empty plastic fruit or yogurt cup
- white acrylic paint
- black marker
- large black pom-pom
- glue gun (adult use only)
- craft knife (adult use only)
- scissors



How to do it:

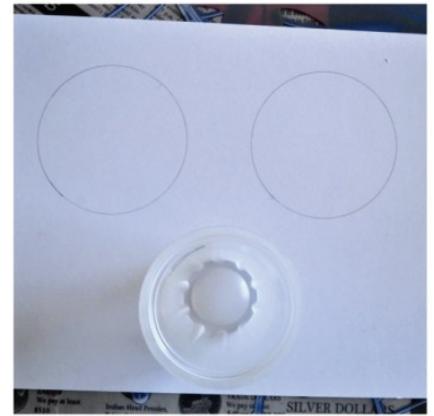
Step 1:

Trace a small circle for the eyes and then use a craft knife to cut them out. This step must be done by an adult.



Step 2:

For the snout, use the plastic cup. Also use it to make the ears by tracing it onto a piece of white card stock paper, cutting it out and then cutting the circle in half. This makes the two ears.



Step 3:

Paint the clear fruit cup with white acrylic paint and let them dry completely. While drying, put the glue on a section of the paper plate and placed the white crumpled tissue paper squares all over the glue. Do this on every section until the paper plate is covered.



Step 4:

Glue the ears to the back of the paper plate. Once the snout is dry, draw a bear mouth on the bottom of the cup with a black permanent marker. Use a glue gun on the rim of the cup to glue it to the polar bear face. Glue the black pom-pom on top!



Punch holes onto the sides of the plate and tie a knot on each end with a piece of string or yarn so you can wear as a mask!

