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WINTER STORM

Materials needed:

- Whipped cream/shaving cream
- food colouring (optional)
- construction paper
- Plastic zip-loc bag

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Directions:

1. Put a piece of blue construction paper in front of the child
2. Put a spoonful of whipped/shaving cream on the paper
3. Encourage your child to use his hands to smear the whipped/shaving cream on to the construction paper
4. Add more whipped/shaving cream as necessary until picture is complete
5. Voila! A winter storm!
*For a no-mess alternative, squeeze whipped or shaving cream into a large plastic zip-close bag, add a few drops of food coloring, and seal the bag. Let your child squeeze it and watch the colours change. From construction paper, cut out shapes and let your child glue shapes onto the bag to create a snowman face.


MITTEN MANIA

Materials Needed:

- Construction paper for mittens and heart

- White paint, glue, scissors
- Items to decorate with: Sparkles, pom poms, cotton balls, stickers, etc., string or ribbon for hanging the art

Activity 1

1. Cut out 2 mitten shapes and a heart shape from construction paper
2. Let your child paint his hand white and place the hand in the center of each mitten to make a handprint. Allow to dry.
3. Glue the mittens on to the heart shape with the saying "Cold hands, Warm heart!"
4. Attach a string to the back so this can be hung up and displayed.

Activity 2

1. Cut out two mitten shapes
2. Let your child decorate the mittens by gluing sparkles, jewels,
 pom poms, cotton balls, stickers, etc.
3. Attach a string to the back to display or tape onto the fridge, bulletin board or front door.
*You can expand on this activity and improve language skills by reading stories about mittens like The Mitten by Jan Brett and singing and doing finger plays like the one below.

Warm Mittens
I wiggle my left hand, I wiggle my right, Inside of my mittens, So warm and so tight. I wiggle my pinkie. I wiggle my thumb, So when I make snowballs, My hands don't get numb.


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## "Snow" Cute Snowman

## Items Needed:

- A photo of your child's face that can be cut into the shape of a circle
- Construction paper for background
- Cotton balls
- Construction paper for hat, nose, etc.
- crayons or pencil crayons to draw and colour in a winter hat
- buttons or small pom poms for adding details to snowman
- glue, scissors


## Instructions:

1. Give each child a piece of construction paper and let him glue his picture on the paper.
2. Help him cut out triangle shapes for the hat and nose and let him glue this onto the picture.
3. Have him glue cotton balls under his photo for the snowman's body.
4. Provide buttons or pom poms to add details to the snowman.
5. Use crayons or markers to add more details to his "snow" cute snowman.


You can expand on this activity by playing a homemade game of pin the nose on the snowman and singing and listening to songs and stories about snowman like "Frosty the snowman."


Here's a great snowman joke:
Q. Where does a snowman keep his money?
A. In a snow bank.


Winter Math Mania

Create a Scarf Pattern
Materials Needed:


1. $9 \times 12$ coloured construction paper
2. Scissors, glue
3. Construction paper shapes or stickers

Directions:

1. Cut a $12 \times 18$ sheet of coloured construction paper in half. Each child gets a half to work with.
2. Let your child cut the edges with scissors
3. Ask your child to make a pattern to follow all the way across the scarf.

Build a Snowman

Materials Needed:

1. 1 sheet of construction paper for each child
2. White construction paper
3. Crayons, markers, chalk
4. Scissors, glue


Directions:

1. Give your child one sheet of construction paper to use at the background.
2. Help cut out circles from white construction paper. (Children may want to use a jar to trace around for the circles before cutting them out.
3. Let each child spell his name, putting one letter on each snowball.
4. Children can spell and count as they build their own personal snowman.

Let them use chalk to decorate the page with snowflakes.


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Footprint Penguins

## Materials Needed:

- Black, white and blue construction paper
- white chalk or pencil crayon
- scraps of fabric
- glue, scissors, pencil
- googly eyes



## Instructions:

1. Let children decorate the blue background using a white pencil crayon or chalk to make it look like snow
2. Let children trace their own foot onto the black construction paper
3. Children then cut out a white circle for the penguin's belly
4. Assist children in cutting out strips of fabric for scarves and triangles for hats
5. Glue the foot shape onto the blue paper and decorate it with the hat, scarf and googly eyes.

You can have the child make one penguin or a family of penguins. They may want to decorate the penguin's winter clothing with markers, glitter or stickers.

Some ways to expand on this activity would be to learn about penguins. Discuss what they eat, where they live and the different species of penguins. Have a Penguin day and have everyone dress in black and white. Play a game of "Penguin
 Simon says" and have the children waddle, jump and act like penguins.


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## PUFFY SNOW CREATIONS

## Materials needed:

- glue
- shaving cream
- construction paper
- plastic spoon/popsicle stick/Q-tip
- sparkles (optional)



## RECIPE:

Mix 1 part school glue to 4 parts shaving cream.
*Dries exactly as it is put on the paper! Looks fluffy, feels soft and dry.

## Directions:

1. Let the children mix the ingredients together to make "snow"
2. Add glitter(optional)
3. Have the children create a snow man or a winter scene with the "snow" using hands, plastic spoons, popsicle sticks
4. Let them cut out details like hat, nose and arms from construction paper
5. Glue the details on to the picture

A great way to expand on this activity is to set up a snowball toss activity. Uses a crumpled, white piece of paper, shaped into a ball or use a foam ball and have the children try to get the "snow ball" over different goal lines (masking tape). They could get 1 point for crossing the first line, 2 points for crossing the second, etc. This activity is great for improving gross motor skills and even uses math skills when they add up their points.

