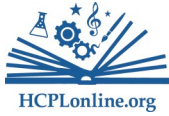


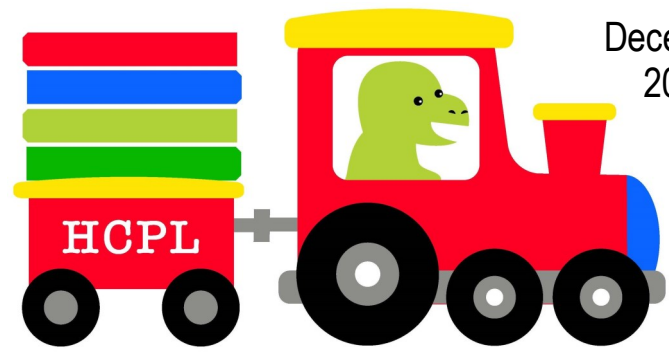
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Songs & Fingerplays

Hat, Scarf, Mitten, and Boots

Tune: Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes

Hat and scarf, mittens and boots,
Mittens and boots,
Mittens and boots.

Hat and scarf, mittens and boots,
Warm & cozy [hug yourself]
In the snow! [spirit fingers]

Snowflake, Snowflake, Fancy Free

Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Snowflake, snowflake, fancy free,
Snowflake, snowflake, dance with me.
First on my head, then on my toes,
Then on my nose, where the cold wind
blows.
Snowflake, snowflake, turn around,
Snowflake, snowflake, touch the ground.

Snowflake, snowflake, fancy free,
Snowflake, snowflake, dance with me.
Touch my ear, then my knees,
Snowflake, snowflake, I'm about to
freeze!
Snowflake, snowflake, turn around,
Snowflake, snowflake, touch the ground.

Warm Mittens

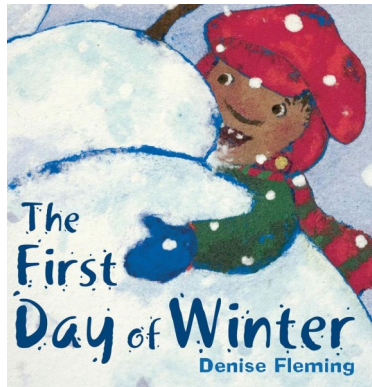
I wiggle my left mitten [wave hand]
I wiggle my right [wave hand]
Inside of my mittens [make "mitten"
hands]
So warm and so tight.

I wiggle my pinkie [wiggle pinkie]
I wiggle my thumbs [wiggle thumbs]
So when I make snowballs
[cup hands together]
My hands don't get numb!
[shake out hands]



Theme: Feel the Warmth of Winter

Books to Share



Who doesn't love the warmth of a cozy winter coat, warm gloves, or mittens, a snug hat, and a scarf to keep you warm on a frosty winter day? This month, we celebrate that warm feeling with books, rhymes, and songs about winter and preparing for the cold. In the classic book **Froggy Gets Dressed**, our friend Froggy tries his best to get dressed for the

snow but forgets some important clothing items. We visit the barnyard in **A Hat for Minerva Louise** and see how a hen prepares for winter by finding unique headwear for the cold. Hopefully, these books and rhymes will help to make it the warmest of seasons despite the temperatures outside!

A Hat for Minerva Louise by Janet Morgan Stoeke

Bear Gets Dressed by Harriet Ziefert

Froggy Gets Dressed by Jonathan London

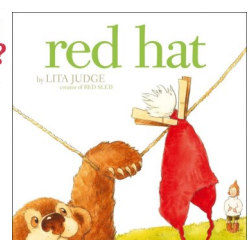
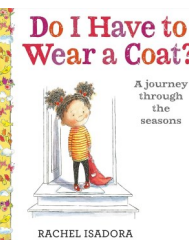
The First Day of Winter by Denise Fleming

Under My Hood I Have a Hat by Karla Kuskin

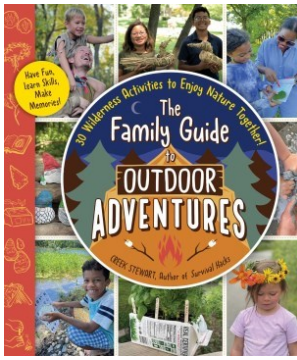
Nursery Rhyme: Three Little Kittens

Music: "Snowflake, Snowflake" from *Preschool Songs and Rhymes for Winter* by The Kimboomers

**Looking for more book ideas?
Check these out!**



Your next visit date will be January _____
Next month's theme will be *I'm a Paleontologist!*



Book of the Month from the Parent Teacher Collection

The Family Guide to Outdoor Adventures : 30 Wilderness Activities to Enjoy Nature Together!
by Creek Stewart PTC 796.5 STE

Expert survival instructor Creek Stewart presents fun and engaging hands-on nature and camping projects that encourage caregivers and children to explore and experience the great outdoors while creating memories to last a lifetime. Projects include casting animal tracks, dyeing t-shirts with walnuts, and encouraging families to stop interacting with their tablets and experience nature together, all while expanding their creativity, curiosity, learning, and sense of wonder.

Try a Fun Activity



Hand Print Mitten Craft

- White Paint
- Paper Plate
- Red Cardstock
- Red Pom Poms
- Yarn
- Glitter
- Glue
- Scissors

1. Pour the white paint onto a paper plate and have your child dip their palms into the paint.
2. Press their hands on the red cardstock, leaving some area between the two handprints
3. Sprinkle the handprints with glitter while the paint is still wet and allow to dry.
4. Once dried, cut out around the handprints in a mitten shape.
5. Use the pom poms to make a cuff on the mitten and add a piece of yarn to connect the two mittens.
6. Glue to a larger piece of paper or leave it as-is.

<https://www.adabofgluewilldo.com/hand-print-mitten-craft/>

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Wintertime provides a wonderful opportunity to explore nature and go on a walk with your family. You can narrate the different items and animals in your environment for younger children. If your child is older, talk about what you see together. Talk about the similarities and differences between seasons. For example, "How is the temperature different?" or "What do you see over there?" Or talk about how the snow feels by asking, "Is it slushy, icy, light, or heavy?"

Talking | **Singing** | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Playing**®

Questions or suggestions?

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More Rhymes

Warm Clothes for When It Snows

Tune: The Farmer in the Dell

My hat goes on my head
My hat goes on my head,
Warm clothes for when it snows,
My hat goes on my head!

My scarf goes round my neck,
My scarf goes round my neck,
Warm clothes for when it snows,
My scarf goes round my neck!

My gloves go on my hands,
My gloves go on my hands,
Warm clothes for when it snows,
My gloves go on my hands!

My boots go on my feet,
My boots go on my feet,
Warm clothes for when it snows,
They hold my body heat!

The Winter Wind Is Cold

Tune: The Farmer In The Dell

Let's sing a winter song, let's sing a
winter song.
The days are short, the nights are
long.
Let's sing a winter song.

The winter wind is cold, the winter
wind is cold.
It freezes nose, ears, and toes.
The winter wind is cold.

Winter now is here, winter now is
here,
Put on your coat,
your hat, your
gloves.
Winter now is here.

