

# Snow

January 4-6

- Try this fun snow window activity - <https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2014/01/snow-window-winter-activity-for-kids.html>
- Snow is so much fun to eat! But is it clean? Fill a clear bowl with snow. Leave it on the counter to melt. Once melted, observe what's in the bowl. Is it just clear water? Is there anything floating in the water? What's in the bottom of the bowl?
- Snowflake scissor practice. The purpose of this activity is to practice scissor skills, not create perfect snowflakes. You will need coffee filters or tissue paper and scissors. To make a traditional snowflake, fold the coffee filter in half three times, to make a small wedge shape. Cut shapes along both sides (but do not completely cut off the fold). Open up the filter and see the snowflake. Allow your preschooler to experiment with folding and cutting the paper. As a challenge for those who are more adept at cutting; provide squares or circles of heavier paper to cut.
- Shaving cream sensory fun. You will need shaving cream and a tray or surface to spread it on. Give your preschooler a glob of shaving cream and invite him/her to spread it out on the surface. Shaving cream on it's own is a fun sensory activity to explore, but it can also be an easy way to encourage practicing letters. Ex- provide a piece of paper with your child's name printed on it. Invite your child to name the letters and draw them in the shaving cream.
- Brainstorm a list of all the outdoor winter sports you can think of. Which have you tried? Which are your favorites? Pick three or four and take a poll, use the data to make a bar graph.
- Bundle up and get outside:
  - Snow shoveling
  - Go for a sled ride
  - Build a Snowman
  - Make snow angels
  - Paint the snow- using food coloring and water; fill a spray bottle or other container (water bottles with squirt tops work well)
  - Paint with snow- using handfuls of snow paint trees and siding, throw snowballs at trees to decorate them
  - Build a maze- using a shovel or snowblower, make a maze in your yard to play in
  - Watch some snow clearing

- Go on a track hunt-check out your own tracks and see how many different tracks you can find. Then watch [Who Was Here](#) by Mia Posada read by Mrs. McIntosh
- Play at the park- it's a different place in the snow
- Be a winter wildlife detective - what are the animals doing and saying? Have they left evidence in the snow?
- Have a pretend tea party or picnic- take a blanket and some dolls and cups outside to enjoy a party in the snow.
- Freeze stuff- fill a container with natural treasures(leaves, berries, pine cones etc.), add a few inches of water and leave it outside to freeze overnight
- Haul out the toys - sandbox toys are just as much fun in the snow
- Build a snow fort
- After you come in, make a mug of hot chocolate! There are many recipes online. This one does NOT have dry milk powder in it, so hopefully you have everything on hand.  
<https://barefootinthepines.com/homemade-hot-chocolate-mix/#mv-creation-46-jtr>
- [Froggy Gets Dressed](#) by Jonathan London illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz read by Mrs. McIntosh
- [Snow](#) by Erin Edison read by Mrs. McIntosh
- Listen to [Little Owl in the Snow](#), written by Christine Tagg, illustrated by Stephanie Boey and read by Mrs. Remus
- Listen to [There Was A Cold Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow!](#), written by Lucille Colandro, illustrated by Jared Lee and read by Mrs. Remus
- [Snow](#) by Marion Dane Bauer, illustrated by John Wallace and read by Mrs. Cohoon
- [When It Starts to Snow](#) by Phillis Gershator, illustrated by Martin Matje and read by Mrs. Cohoon

Vocabulary: frozen, thaw, liquid, wildlife, detective, tracks, treasures, crystal, snowflake, scat, poll, data, bar graph