

# Family Bulletin

## VOCABULARY:

- snowy
- winter
- cold
- hot
- crunchy
- footprints
- snowballs
- lines
- snow angel
- night
- fell
- sledding
- icy
- patterns
- forward
- backward
- high
- low
- day
- skating

## The Snowy Day

The main book for this unit is **The Snowy Day** written by Ezra Jack Keats. This is a story about a little boy named Peter who goes out to enjoy the newly fallen snow. However, when Peter tries to save a snowball for tomorrow, he learns something else about snow. This story was chosen because of its great descriptions of Peter's fun in the snow. This story also offers a familiar and meaningful context for learning. The text of the story provides children with a vehicle to use sentences such as "New snow was falling" and "Peter is skating"; adjectives such as big, biggest, crunchy, snowy, icy; and irregular verbs such

as "took" and "thought".

The rhyming book for this unit is **Snow** written by Roy McKie and P.D. Eastman. The children will be learning a finger play called "Five Little Snowman", a poem called "Snowman" (see back), participating in a "Snowflake Concentration" game, and talking about *Where Does Ice Go?* Children will also have the opportunity to create their own book called "The Snowy Day" in the create-a-book center.

## Other Language Targets:

### Prepositions

- Up, down, over, in front, behind

### Language Forms

- Is + verb + ing (is running, is skating)
- Irregular past tense verbs (crept, blew, brought)
- Adjectives (small, delicate, beautiful)

## Rhyming Words:

No—snow  
Snow—throw  
Track—back  
Last—fast  
Face—place  
Ride—slide  
Deep—sleep  
Ball—wall

## Bringing it Home—The Home and School Connection

Help your child make a bird feeder to give birds a winter treat. Find a pinecone. Spread peanut butter on the pinecone. Roll the pinecone in bird

seed. Hang the pinecone from a low branch of a nearby tree. Point out the types of birds that come to feed as you watch with your child.

## Target Sound/Letter

# Ss

The target letter for the unit is "Ss". Take some time to point out words in your environment that start with or have the letter "Ss" in them. Some words are: snow, snake, sun, soap, scissors, side, salt.

## Five Little Snowman

Five little snowmen, sitting by the door,

Out came the sun and then there were four.

Four little snowmen sitting by the tree,

Out came the sun and then there were three.

Three little snowmen sitting by the zoo,

Out came the sun and then there were two.

Two little snowmen sitting just for fun,

Out came the sun and then there was one.

One little snowman, wishing he could run,

Out came the sun and then there were none.

## Snowman

*(To the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot")*  
*I am a snowman round and fat,*  
*(stretch your arms out)*  
*Button eyes and a tall black hat.*  
*(point to your eyes and head)*  
*When the sun comes out you will see,*  
*(point to the sky)*  
*That will be the end of me!*  
*(pretend to melt to the ground)*