



The Snowy Day

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The Snowy Day is a classic, Caldecott Medal Award winning book about young Peter and the joy of spending a magical day out in the snow.

READ

Before: Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, what do you think this story is about? Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

I wonder what he is going to do out in the snow?

During: Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in everyday conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

- After:**
- What did Peter see outside his window when he woke up?
 - What sounds did his feet make as they sank into the snow?
 - What pattern did his feet make in the snow when he dragged them slowly?
 - What did Peter find that was just right for smacking the snow-covered tree?
 - Who had a snowball fight?
 - What did Peter make with the snow?
 - What happened to the snowball Peter placed in his pocket?
 - What happened to the snow in Peter's dream?
 - Have you ever gone out to play in the snow with friends?

DO

Snowy Day Globes

Materials:

Clean, clear jars with lids – check your recycle bin!

Fake snow

Christmas trees/winter figures that will fit in your container

White Glue or Hot Glue

These jars are great for kids since there aren't any liquids to leak out. Have children select items they would like to place in their snow globe jar and glue those items to the lid. Have an adult help you if you are using hot glue. Add the fake snow to the jar and seal. Shake the jar to make it snow!



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