



Read to Me News

From Your Public Library & Idaho's Read to Me Program

Print Motivation

To develop and maintain the motivation to read, children need to:

- appreciate the **pleasures** of reading
- view reading as a **social** act to be shared with others
- see reading as an opportunity to explore their **interests**
- read widely for a variety of **purposes**, from enjoyment to gathering information
- become comfortable with different written formats and **genres**

To help develop print motivation:

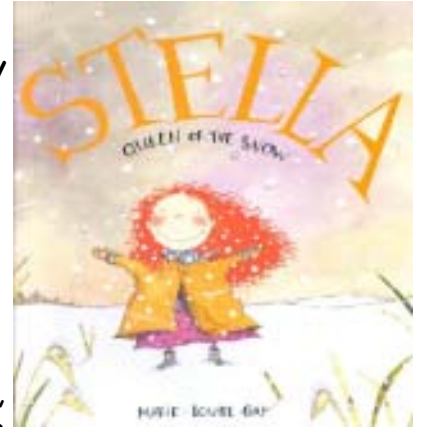
- Make book-sharing a special time between you and your child. Get comfortable and cozy.
- Let your child see you reading and enjoying reading.
- Visit your public library often. Make it a special night or day of the week and make a big deal about it.
- Let children pick out books they want to read or have read to them.
- Subscribe to a magazine that your child is interested in.
- Give books as gifts.

Children who enjoy books will want to learn to read and are more likely to become lifelong readers.

Book of the Month

Stella, Queen of the Snow, by Marie-Louise Gay

Stella introduces her little brother Sam to the fun of playing in the snow. If you and your child like this book,



be sure to try more titles about Stella and her brother including: *Stella, Star of the Sea*, *Good Morning Sam*, and *Stella, Fairy of the Forest*.

More Great Winter Reads!

Sparkling snowflakes, warm mittens, and animals settled in for a long nap... these are the icons of winter. Picture books galore celebrate the fun and challenges of winter weather. Pour yourself a cup of hot chocolate and cuddle up with these winter stories:

The Mitten, by Jan Brett

Snowballs, by Lois Ehlert

Time to Sleep, by Denise Fleming

The Snowy Day, by Ezra Jack Keats

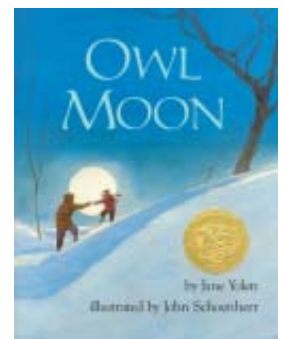
Froggy Gets Dressed, by Jonathan London

Thomas' Snowsuit, by Robert N. Munsch

Owl Moon, by Jane Yolen

Emma's Magic Winter, by Jean Little

Poppleton in Winter, by Cynthia Rylant



Wintertime Fun!

Paper Plate Ice Skating

Give everyone in the family two paper plates and play some skating music. Skate on the carpet by gliding feet on the plates. Follow with a newspaper or tissue paper snowball fight!



Snow, Throw, Go!

How many words can you think of that rhyme with snow? Make a list.

For the Birds!

Make a bird feeder by spreading peanut butter and birdseed or cereal on a pinecone. String popcorn and cranberries. Hang scooped out orange halves filled with peanut butter and birdseed. Don't forget to put out some fresh water for the birds, also.

Warm Snowman Snack

Give your child three refrigerated biscuits and help place them in a row on a piece of foil to resemble a snowman. Have her use pretzel sticks and raisins for the snowman's arms, eyes, nose, mouth, and buttons. Place the foil on a baking sheet and bake as directed. Serve with butter or honey. Enjoy these warm snowmen on a cold winter's day!

Warm Up

What warms me up on a cold, cold day?
Cocoa warms me up in a chocolaty way.

What warms me up on a cold, cold day?
A fire warms me up in a toasty way.

What warms me up on a cold, cold day?
A quilt warms me up in a snugly way.

What warms me up on a cold, cold day?
Sharing a book warms me up in a cozy way.

What warms me up on a cold, cold day?
A hug warms me up in a loving way!

Chubby Little Snowman

A chubby little snowman had a carrot nose. (form snowman with right fist, with thumb sticking out for a carrot nose)

Along came a bunny, and what do you suppose? (use two fingers of left hand to hop to snowman)

That hungry little bunny, looking for his lunch,

Ate that snowman's carrot nose
(bunny grabs snowman's nose)

Nibble, nibble, crunch!

Falling Down

Snow Snow

Falling Down (move hands, like falling snow)

Quietly, quietly (move finger to mouth-shhh)

It covers the ground (move hands back and forth and smooth).



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