Family Reading Week: November 11–17

Family Reading Week is an annual statewide celebration of reading as a family activity. The theme this year is “Snuggle Up and Read.” Libraries across the state are planning exciting events celebrating family reading.

Your library can help you find lots of great books to snuggle up and read with your children this winter. The library also offers storytimes, and many libraries offer game nights, arts and crafts, workshops, kids’ clubs, adult clubs, teen programs, computer access, video games, movies, music, and more...at no cost!

Why Read Aloud to Your Child?

- It creates special memories and closeness between you and your child.
- It helps your child pay attention longer.
- It helps your child be curious, creative, and see pictures in her head.
- It helps your child become a better listener.
- It teaches your child about people, places, and things he has not seen.
- It helps your child learn new words.
- It supports your child’s learning, both inside and outside of school.
- It helps your child learn about himself/herself.
- You become a reading role model for your child.
- It’s fun!

Snuggle up and get cozy with these winter favorites...

- The Snowy Day, Ezra Jack Keats
- Snowballs, Lois Ehlert
- The Mitten, Jan Brett
- Snowmen at Night, Caralyn Buehner
- Arthur and the Big Snow, Mark Brown
- Bear Snores On, Karma Wilson
- Snow, Uri Shulevitz
- Katy and the Big Snow, Virginia Lee Burton
- Over and Under the Snow, Kate Messner
- Time to Sleep, Denise Fleming
- Snowflake Bentley, Jacqueline Briggs Martin
More fun with *The Jacket I Wear in the Snow*

**Talk about it...** Children who have grown up in Idaho have most likely dressed up in many layers of warm clothes and gone out to play in the snow. Ask your child questions about the illustrations as you read:
- Why is the child crying?
- What is happening with the child and the sled?
- How do you think the child is feeling when the mommy starts getting all those layers of hot clothes off?
- What do you remember about a time when we bundled you up in lots of layers of warm clothes?

**In the kitchen...** Warm snowman snack: Use refrigerated biscuit dough. Give your child three of the biscuits to place next to each other in a straight line on a piece of foil (to look like a snowman). Let her use pretzel sticks and raisins for the snowman’s arms, eyes, nose, mouth, and buttons. Place foil on a cookie sheet and bake as directed on the biscuit can. Serve with butter or honey and share the treat. Enjoy on a cold winter day!

**Fingerplay**

**Five Snowmen**

*(To the tune of “Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed”) Match actions to words*

5 happy snowmen riding on a sled,
1 fell off and bumped his head.
Frosty called the doctor
and the doctor said,
“No more snowmen riding on
that sled!”
Repeat with 4, 3, 2, 1

**Song**

**Snowkey Pokey**

*(Sung to the tune of the Hokey Pokey)*

You put your right mitten in,
you take your right mitten out,
you put your right mitten in
and you shake it all about.
You do the snowkey pokey
and you turn yourself around.
That’s what it’s all about.

*Additional verses:*

You put your left mitten in . . .
You put your right boot in . . .
You put your left boot in . . .
You put your hat in . . .
You put your snowself in . . .


**What your library can do for you...**

Ask your librarian about special events and programs planned for Family Reading Week!

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