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Activity Sheet



The First Day of Winter

By Denise Fleming

"On the first day of winter, my best friend gave to me a red cap with a gold snap." Along with swirling snow and lots of outdoor fun, the first 10 days of winter bring special gifts for a special friend.

Before you read this book: Gather up the things you need to make a snowman.

While you read this book: Invite all your kids to wear their winter hats, scarves and mittens while you read. If the weather is nice, go outside to read. (Make sure everyone is dressed warmly!!)

Encourage the kids to say the first sentences on each page. "On the first day of winter, my best friend gave to me ..." After two or three pages, ask the kids who the "best friend" is?

After you read this book: Make snow people. You'll need dark construction paper, white chalk and crayons or markers to draw the eyes, etc. Using the side of the chalk, color three round stacked shapes to make the body; then decorate to make a snow person.

Try this at home: Make a snow person outside. Help your kids gather all the supplies they need to make a snow person in your yard or a local park.

Talk about writing, too. Draw your child's attention to the way writing works. When looking at a book together, point out how we read from left to right and how words are separated by spaces.

From Reading Rockets: Launching Young Readers: <http://www.pbs.org/launchingreaders/>

Extend the learning with these books: *The Biggest Snowman Ever* by Steven Kroll and Jeni Bassett

The Snowman by Raymond Briggs

All You Need for a Snowman by Alice Schertle and Barbara Lavallee

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