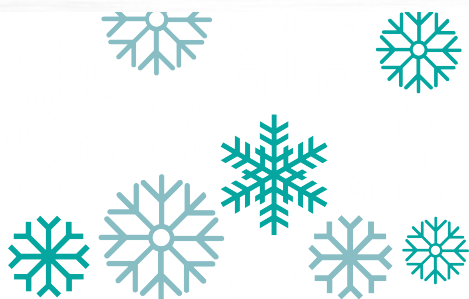


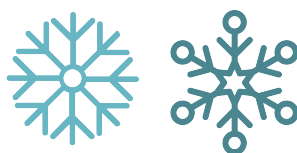
Winter Weather



I'm a Little Ice Cube

Tune: I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little ice cube,
Frosty and square. (outline shape
with hands)
I make things cold
everywhere. (shiver)
If it gets too warm, I'd better
watch out, (fan face with hand)
Cause I will melt without a
doubt! (slowly melt to floor)



Sleds

Here's a great big hill, (hold arm out to
make a hill)
With snow all down the side, (wiggle
fingers downward)
Let's take our speedy sleds, (place
hand on shoulder)
And down the hill we slide! (slide hand
down arm)

Snowflake, Snowflake, Fancy Free

Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

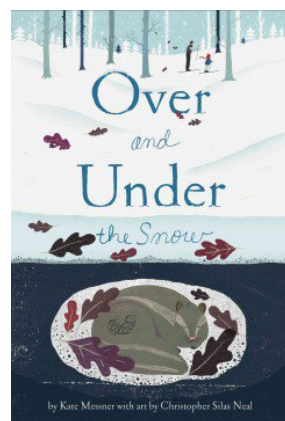
Snowflake, snowflake, fancy free,
Snowflake, snowflake, dance with me.
First on my head, then on my toes,
Then on my nose, where the cold wind
blows,
Snowflake, snowflake, turn around,
Snowflake, snowflake, touch the ground.

Snowflake, snowflake, fancy free,
Snowflake, snowflake, dance with me.
Touch my ear, then my knees,
Snowflake, snowflake, I'm about to
freeze!
Snowflake, snowflake, turn around,
Snowflake, snowflake, touch the ground.

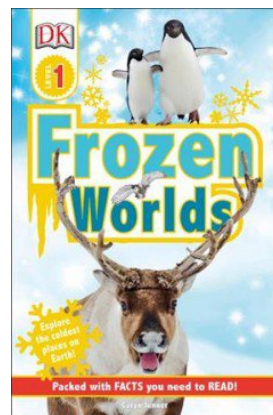
Five Winter Weather Facts:

1. An inch of rain in the summer equals about 10 inches of snow in the colder months.
2. When the weather is cold and food is in short supply, animals like hedgehogs, bears, and bats become inactive to save energy. During hibernation their heart rates and breathing slow down, and their body temperature drops.
3. Winter on Saturn can last seven years!
4. Earth is closer to the Sun in the Northern Hemisphere's winter than in the summer.
5. The snowiest city on Earth is Aomori City, Japan. Each year there's an average of 312 inches, or about 26 feet, of snow.

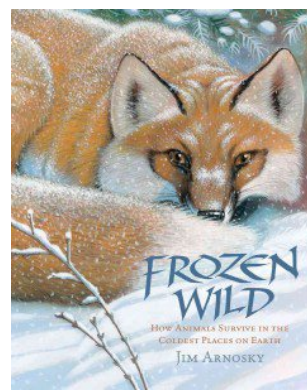
Suggested Reads



Over and Under the Snow
by Kate Messner



Frozen Worlds
by Caryn Jenner



Frozen Wild by Jim Arnosky

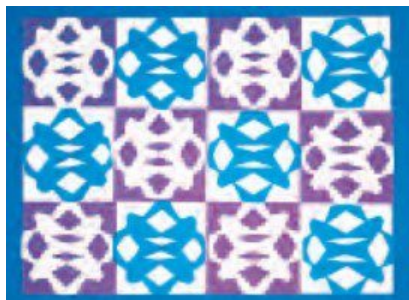
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Snowflake Banner



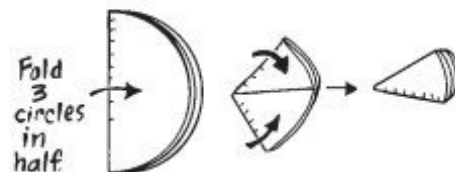
Materials:

9x12 white construction paper
Six 3-inch squares of purple construction paper
3-inch circles of blue and white bulletin board paper (6 of each color)
pencil
scissors
glue stick



Step by Step

1. Place the white paper horizontally on the table. Glue a purple square in the top and bottom corner on the left side of the paper. Using these squares as a guide, glue the other purple squares onto the paper to create a checkerboard pattern.
2. Stack and fold three white circles in half. Then, fold the half-circle into thirds. Use a pencil to draw one or more simple figures (such as triangles) along a straight side of the folded circles. Start and finish drawing each figure on the fold, leaving some space between each one. Continue by drawing figures along the other straight side and the curved edge of the folded circles.



3. Carefully cut out the figures through all layers. Unfold the circles to reveal a snowflake shape. Gently separate the three snowflakes.
4. Cut out a second set of snowflakes by repeating Steps 2 and 3 with the remaining three white circles. Then, cut snowflakes from the blue circles.



5. Position the white snowflakes onto the purple squares of the checkerboard paper to create a pattern. Then, glue on the snowflakes. Repeat with the blue snowflakes by gluing them in a pattern onto the white squares.

Snowy Treasure Hunt

You will need:

Small pieces of paper
Stick
Thread
Objects to hide, big or small depending on how deep the snow is

How to:

You can play this game inside the house or out in the snow.
Set up a series of clues or objects that the children have to look for. Don't hide them too well or bury them too deep in the snow.
Set a time limit and let the children loose, to find the objects.
The kid who finds most things wins!

One Step More

Glue the banner to a 12- by 18-inch sheet of blue or purple construction paper. Display the banners in a line across the top of a long wall to create a snowy border.

