

# Ruby's Report

Activities for Babies & Toddlers  
from Ruby the Raccoon and the  
Saint Paul Public Library



**Welcome Parents and Caregivers! - The activities, rhymes, and songs in this newsletter are designed not only to be fun for you to read and explore with your child, but also to be tools for building your child's speaking and reading skills. Enjoy!**



Ruby is a Folkmanis puppet who loves books, songs, the library, and learning new things.

## Ruby's Day

Ruby loves to play in the snow, and she also likes watching snow fall *outside* her window when she is cozy *inside*. Sometimes the snow is just right for making snowpeople or castles, and other times it is good for sledding. Can you see Ruby with her snow friend in the photo? What is your favorite thing to do in the snow?



**Literacy Note for Grown-Ups** - Encourage your children to play outside in the winter, just like you would in the summer. Physical activity contributes to brain development and improves cognition in young children. In particular, children's play in the snow tends to be open-ended, with the added benefit of developing creativity. So play outside all year long!



## Ruby's Nature Corner

It's time to explore the snow! The next time you are outside when there is snow on the ground, see if you can describe it. Is it wet or dry? Does it feel warm or cold? What color is it? Does it make a sound when you step on it? Does it pack together so that you can make a snowperson? Or is it powdery and better for making snow angels? You can make a snow angel by lying on your back in the snow and moving your arms and legs back and forth on the ground. Have fun!

## Ruby's Rhyme



**Literacy Note for Grownups** - You can make up your own words for familiar tunes, as Dana Horrochs ([jbrary.com](http://jbrary.com)) did with these lyrics for "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Have fun singing and making gestures for falling snowflakes with your hands.

**Can you find a snowperson, a sled, and someone making a snow angel on this page?**

Snowflakes, snowflakes in the sky.  
Love to watch you floating by.  
Down you fall upon the ground.  
Down you fall without a sound.  
Snowflakes, snowflakes in the sky.  
Love to watch you floating by.