

Speech, Language & Daily Routines

SNOW PLAY



Build on it!



Bring the Snow Inside:

- Scoop some snow into a large container, and place on a tablecloth or towels
- Hide different items in the snow for your child to find

Scavenger Hunt:

- Choose different things for your child to find in your yard, or let them choose things for you to find
- Focus on concepts like *same/different*, *big/little*, *over/under/beside* and outdoor vocabulary (e.g., You have a **BIG** pinecone, I have a **little** pinecone)

Snowball Toss:

- Make snowballs together - focus on action words such as *roll*, *make*, *throw*, *run*, *fall*, *help*, and describing words such as *big*, *little*, *round*, *soft*, *hard*, *wet*, *cold*, *warm*
- Work together to hit targets (or each other, if you are willing!)

Build a Snow Fort:

- Encouraging your child to be creative in what they add (e.g., branches, pinecones, dirt, rocks)
- Focus on new vocabulary words like *snow*, *fort*, *ice*, *snowflake*, *igloo*, *structure*, *building*, and action words such as *build*, *make*, *develop*, *stack*, *tumble*
- Talk about the things you need to do first, next and last to make your fort.

Ideas to support use of language...

- ☑ Use action words like “dig”, “scoop”, “stack”, “push”, “crawl”, “bury” and “climb”
- ☑ Use descriptive words like “frozen”, “melt”, “liquid”, “crunchy”, “deep”, “solid”
- ☑ Use sequencing words like “first”, “next” and “last”

Ideas to support understanding of language...

- ☑ Show the difference between concept words like “cold/hot”, “wet/dry”, “on/off”, “in/out”, “heavy/light”, and “through/over”
- ☑ Practice asking and answering simple wh-questions like “What will happen if we bring it inside?”, “Where should we put the big snowball?”
- ☑ Have your child follow simple directions as they play in the snow (e.g., “Put the big snowball on the bottom”, “Dig the hole a little deeper!”, “Find a pinecone and a rock”)

Ideas to support speech sounds...

- ☑ Practice “s blend” sounds like “scoop”, “stack”, “splat”, “smash”, “snow”, “snowball”, “slippery”, “strong”
- ☑ Practice “k” sounds like “cold”, “cool”, “catch”, “cup”, “careful”, “kick”, “count”, “carry”



Practice saying “k-k-k-k” as you pretend to shiver!

