

Crafts 'n Snacks

A Monthly Series from Keepsake Curriculum

January

Craft: Clothespin Snowman Puppet

Snack: Snow Day Snack Mix

Story Ideas:

"How to Catch a Snowman" by Adam Wallace

"Sneezy the Snowman" by Maureen Wright

"The Magic of Friendship Snow" by Andi Cann

"Snow" by Uri Shulevitz

Clothespin Snowman Puppet

This clothespin snowman puppet is a small but cute little project that is sure to delight your kiddos!

Materials:

White cardstock paper

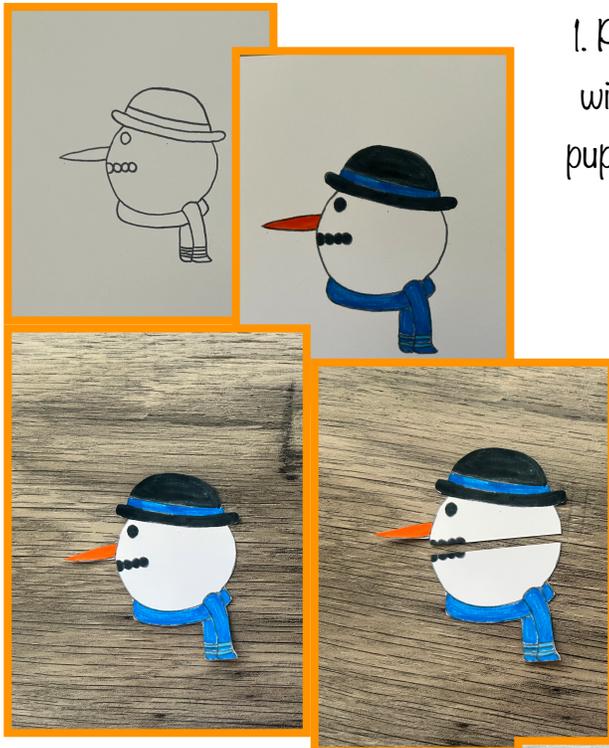
Markers

Scissors

Snowman template

Clothespin

Glue/tape



Instructions:

1. Print the snowman head onto cardstock paper and color with markers as desired (if you want to make a two-sided puppet, then color both heads to match, but you do not have to).
2. Cut out the snowman head/s.
3. Cut the snowman's head completely across, through the middle of the mouth.
4. With the clothespin on its side, glue or tape the top of the head to the top bar of the clothespin, being sure to place the mouth flush with the bottom of the top piece of clothespin (I found it easier to roll a piece of tape and place that on the clothespin).



5. Attach the bottom of the snowman head, lining up the edges of the mouth right next to each other to make the head look “whole” again.

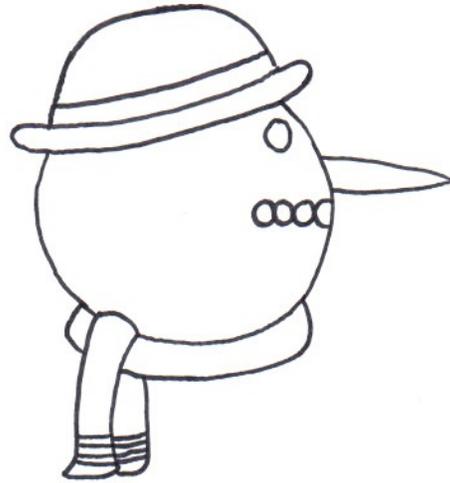
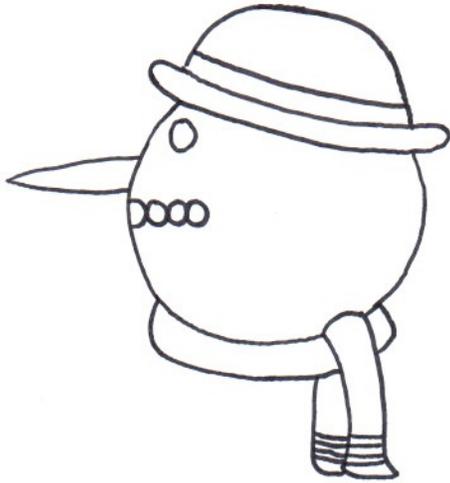


6. Grab your puppet (once dry, if using glue), and have some fun!



***This craft was inspired by [momsandcrafters.com](https://www.momsandcrafters.com)

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if you want a two-sided
puppet



Snow Day Snack Mix



Ingredients:

- 12 cups popped popcorn
- 16 oz white candy coating
- 2 cups pretzel balls or miniature pretzels
- 1 (12 oz) bag chocolate candies (M&Ms, regular or mint)
- 3/4 cup sprinkles
- 1 1/2 cups mini marshmallows



Directions:

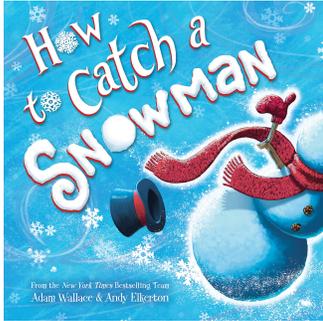
1. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and fill with popped popcorn.
2. Melt candy coating according to directions and pour over popcorn; toss to coat.
3. Add pretzels, candies, sprinkles, and marshmallows; toss again.
4. Let it set 30 minutes; break apart and serve!

This recipe was found at 12tomatoes.com

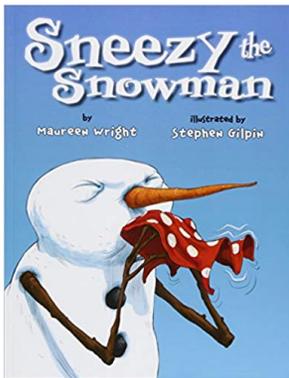


Snowman Read-Alouds for Kids

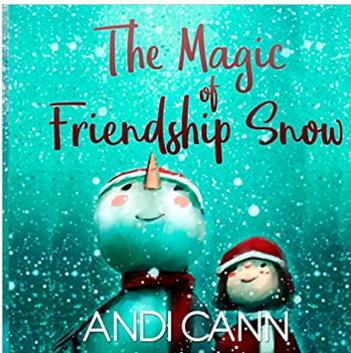
****Note to Parents: These books are merely suggestions. Keepsake Curriculum does not endorse or review them.
Research as necessary before reading with your children****



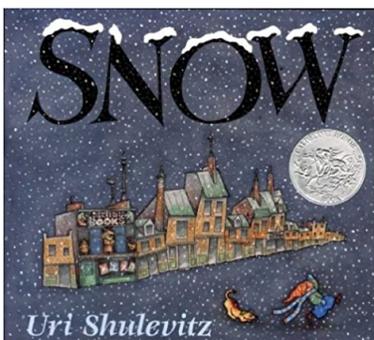
“How to Catch a Snowman” by Adam Wallace - Our heroes' entry for the snowman contest has magically come to life—and ran away! Can YOU help catch it? Get ready for snow much fun as you travel through a winter wonderland with running, skating, and bouncing through trap after trap to catch the snowman and claim the winning prize. Will the snowman teach our heroes a lesson they'll never forget? Who snows! (Amazon description)



“Sneezy the Snowman” by Maureen Wright - B-R-R-R-R! AH-CHOO! Sneezy the Snowman is cold, cold, cold. To warm up, he drinks cocoa, sits in a hot tub, stands near a warm fire—and melts! But the children know just what to do to build him up again—and make him feel “just right”. Hilarity chills the air with playful mixed-media illustrations by Stephen Gilpin as Sneezy attempts to warm himself with some silly results.



“The Magic of Friendship Snow” by Andi Cann - Making friends is hard! Once you find a friend, how do you BE a good friend? Jojo looks around and everyone seems to have friends but her. She feels sad and lonely. Then, Jojo meets Puddles, the snowman made with magic friendship snow. **For every child who struggles to make friends** and parents who try to show them how, this children's book celebrates the special bond between friends. Jojo will reassure children that they too can learn how to make friends. (Amazon description)



“Snow” by Uri Shulevitz - “It's snowing, said boy with dog. “It's only a snowflake,” said grandfather with beard. No one thinks one or two snowflakes will amount to anything. Not the man with the hat or the lady with the umbrella. Not even the television or the radio forecasters. But one boy and his dog have faith that the snow will amount to something spectacular, and when flakes start to swirl down on the city, they are also the only ones who know how to truly enjoy it. (Amazon description)