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# Storytime Starters

Brrr, It's Cold!

## Books for Toddlers:

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*A Cold Day* by Lola M. Schaefer, © 2000. (551.525 Schaefer)

*Over in the Arctic: Where the Cold Winds Blow* by Marianne Berkes, © 2008. ( RHYMES, Berkes)

*Snowball* by Nina Crews, © 1997. (FAVORITES, Crews)

*Snowballs* by Lois Ehlert, © 1995. (FAVORITES, Ehlert)

*Under My Hood I Have a Hat* by Karla Kuskin, © 2004. (CONCEPTS, Kuskin)

## Books for Preschoolers:

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*All You Need for a Snowman* by Alice Schertle, © 2002. (NATURE, Schertle)

*Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson, © 2002. (CHARACTERS, Wilson)

*Big Snow* by Jonathan Bean, © 2013. (STORIES, Bean)

*First Snow* by Peter McCarty, © 2015. (FAVORITES, McCarty)

*How to Share with a Bear* by Eric Pinder, © 2015. (GROWING, Pinder)

*Snow* by Uri Shulevitz, © 1998. (FAVORITES, Shulevitz)

*Snow* by Manya Stojic, © 2002. ( NATURE, Stojic)

*Snow Music* by Lynne Rae Perkins, © 2003. (NATURE, Perkins)

*Snow on Snow on Snow* by Cheryl Chapman, © 1994. (NATURE, Chapman)

*The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats, © 1962. (FAVORITES, Keats)

*Snowy Sunday* by Phyllis Root, © 2015. (STORIES, Root)

*What Happens in Winter?* by Sara L. Latta, © 2006. (508.2 Latta)

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## School-Age Extension:

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*The Very Cold, Freezing, No-Number Day* by Ashley N. Sorenson, © 2016. (CONCEPTS, Sorenson)

## Fingerplays & Songs :

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### **It Is Snowing** (Tune: "Frere Jacques")

It is snowing, it is snowing

Falling down, on the ground.

Pretty white flakes, what a sight they  
make.

All around, without a sound.

(From:

[http://www.preschoolexpress.com/music\\_station01](http://www.preschoolexpress.com/music_station01))

### **I Am a Snowman**

I am a snowman, cold and white.

I stand up tall, all through the night

(Stand up tall)

With a carrot nose. (Point to nose)

And head held high, (Hold head high)

Two lumps of coal to make my eyes.

(Point to eyes)

I have a muffler made of red, (Pretend

to wrap scarf around neck)

And a tall black hat upon my head.

(Place hands on top of head)

The sun is coming out! Oh, my! (Make  
circle with arms)

I think that I am going to cry. (Pretend  
to cry)

Yesterday, I was so big and round, (Start  
sinking to the floor)

Now, I'm a puddle lying on the ground.  
(Collapse on the floor)

(From:

[http://www.preschoolexpress.com/music\\_station01/music\\_station\\_sept01.shtml](http://www.preschoolexpress.com/music_station01/music_station_sept01.shtml))

### **When Cold Winds Blow**

When cold winds blow, (blow)



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And bring us snow, (flutter fingers)  
At night what I like most (point to self)  
Is to climb in bed (pretend to climb in  
bed)  
And hide my head (hands over eyes)  
And sleep as warm as toast. (place head  
on hands)  
Shhhhhhh-good night!

(From:

[http://www.preschooexpress.com/musical\\_station01/](http://www.preschooexpress.com/musical_station01/))

## Snowflake Dance

(Tune: "Frere Jacques")

Dance like snowflakes, Dance like  
snowflakes

In the air, In the air

Whirling, Twirling snowflakes,

Whirling, Twirling snowflakes

Here and there, Here and there

(From:

<http://www.everythingpreschool.com/themes/winter/songs.htm>)

## Cloudy Day

(Note: Act out which body part each  
object goes to while you sing.)

The day is cloudy and the wind is bold.

Dress up warmly, you mustn't get cold!

Put on your coat and zip it up tight,

Put on your left boot, put on your right.

Put on your scarf and put on your hat,

Put on your mittens and clap-clap-clap!

Go outside and play and play.

Come in again, and then we'll say-

Take off your coat that was zipped up  
tight,

Take off your left boot, take off your  
right.

Take off your scarf, take off your hat,

Take off your mittens, and then take a  
nap!

(From:

<http://www.everythingpreschool.com/themes/winter/songs.htm>)

## Winter Sky

Way up high in the winter sky,

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Two little snowflakes caught my eye.

(Point 2 fingers to sky)

Down to the ground

They fell without a sound.

(Twist around)

And before very long,

It was snowing all around.

(Hold arms out)

(From:

[http://www.everythingpreschool.com/  
themes/winter/songs.htm](http://www.everythingpreschool.com/themes/winter/songs.htm))

Where did you get that little red nose?

Jack Frost kissed it I suppose.

He kissed it once.

He kissed it twice.

Poor little nose it's as cold as ice.

(From:

[http://www.everythingpreschool.com/  
themes/winter/songs.htm](http://www.everythingpreschool.com/themes/winter/songs.htm))

**Jack Frost**

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**Big Book:** Follow the Polar Bears, When It Starts to Snow

**Flannel Boards:** 6 Little Penguins, Winter Days, 5 Little Ice Cream Cones

**Prop Stories:** The Jacket I Wear in the Snow

**Movies:** The Snowy Day (DVD, 6 min.), Bear Snores On (DVD, 8 min.)

**Stamps:** Tiny Snowflake, Letters: B, b, C

**Craft:** Winter Hat Craft

**Play Literacy:** Use the props included in the kit to demonstrate getting dressed to go out in the cold! Talk about each prop, or have kids guess what you're going to put on (before putting it on). What does a hat help keep warm? What color are the mittens? You could also use the props before reading a certain book "to prepare for a very cold and chilly story!"

**Early Learning Tip:** When it's cold outside is a perfect time to snuggle up and read a favorite (or new!) book with your child.