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Stories

The Mitten by Jan Brett

Knitty Kitty by David Elliott

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

Homemade Love by bell hooks

Sneezy the Snowman by Maureen Wright

The Jacket I Wear in the Snow by Shirley Neitzel

Warm Stories for Chilly Days

Activities

The Mitten in the Snow

Tune: The Farm in the Dell

The mitten in the snow! The mitten in the snow! Help us please, it's about to freeze! The mitten in the snow! A mole squeezes in, A mole squeezes in! Help us please, it's about to freeze! The mitten in the snow!

(Add a different animal for each verse.)

Mitten Chant

Here is a mitten (one hand) A snug and fuzzy one (rub hands together) With a place for my fingers (wiggle four fingers) And a place for my thumb (thumbs up)

Here are two mittens (hold up two hands) What a colorful sight (move hands back and forth) One for my left hand (hold up left hand) And one for my right (hold up right hand)

Here are our mittens (hold up two hands) As soft as can be (rub hands together) A warm pair for you (point to neighbors) And a warm pair for me! (point to yourself)

Early Literacy Tip

When we read picture books to children, researchers have found that 95% of their attention is on the pictures. By occasionally pointing to, or pointing out, the words in the book, you are helping them realize that it is the text we are reading, not the pictures.



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