

Let it Snow!

With cooler weather comes time spent indoors staying warm and cozy. This month's box is all about celebrating snow and using our senses! So it isn't snowy outside? That's okay too! Create your own cool fun using the ice cube tray along with your Preschool Promise bowls, squeeze bottle and some salt to bring the science inside!

Kindergarten Readiness skills are more than learning letters and numbers, and include a variety of other areas. As you watch your child explore with ice and salt, as well as with the squeeze bottles, help your child make predictions and share their observations by asking the questions on the back of this card. This builds language skills as well as key problem solving and science skills to prepare them for school success!

What's in the box?



squeeze bottle

white paint

cotton balls



cotton swab



ice tray



pipette



food coloring

Create your own Snowy Day Painting!

Just like in the book, *Snowy Day*, you can create your own winter wonderland masterpiece! Using the cotton swabs and the white paint, you can create snowflakes like snow falling by dabbing the cotton swabs on the paper, or slide the swab around to make snowy hills or snow people!

*****Remember that cotton swabs are a cool tool, but please keep them out of ears and noses!*****



**Play Plan: Do these three activities this month to help your child learn and grow!
When you've completed the activities color the warm clothes below!**



A snowy box!

- Cut the tops off of your box to create your own "snowy" sensory bin!
- Use the wooden and measuring spoons from November to scoop, stir and shuffle the cotton balls and packaging peanuts!
- Ask your child: how does this snow feel? Is it soft or scratchy?



Melt the ice!

- Fill up your ice cube tray (alternatively, grab some snow!) and melt it away!
- Use your Preschool Promise bowls from November, fill one with ice and one with warm water. Melt the ice with salt or use the squeeze bottle to drip warm water over the ice!
- Ask your child: what do you think will happen when you add the salt? The water?



Squeeze bottle solutions!

- Use your squeeze bottle in the bathtub instead of a bath toy! Solve the problem of how to refill the bottle once it is empty!
- Use your squeeze bottle to paint the snow outside! Add a drop or two of food coloring and fill the bottle with water to create snowy artwork outside!
- Ask your child: how can you refill the bottle on your own? Twist off the top, or is there another way?



Kindergarten Readiness skills: This month highlights three new readiness skills for kindergarten. You can use the questions listed for each activity to connect and extend the skills listed below.

Language skills:

use a variety of words to describe how the "snow" in the box feels: squishy, soft, fuzzy

Science skills:

make predictions and then use observations to explain what happens to the ice

Reasoning and problem solving:

how can you refill the bottle once it's empty? You can squeeze the bottle while submerged under water, or twist off the lid