

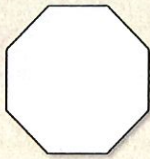


## Themes

Snow Friends

Scribbles and Splats

Shapes and Colors



Numbers

11, 12

Letters

Mn, Nn, Oo

Alphabet Words

map, milk,  
moon, mountain,  
nest, noodles,  
notepad, nuts,  
olives, omelet,  
orange, ox

Sign Language



## Theme Descriptions

**Snow Friends:** Some areas of the world stay cold and wintry year-round. Children will gather information about snow animals and participate in plenty of freezing fun!



**Scribbles and Splats:** Children can express creativity and develop fine motor skills as they practice familiar ways to create art and explore new art processes. The focus will be on exploration and discovery.

## Activities for Home

- Make fingerprint penguins with your child using black and white finger paints and blue construction paper. Use the thumb to make a white body and a fingertip to make black wings and a head. With a toothpick, make two white dots for eyes. Stretch out cotton balls and glue them to the blue paper to make an iceberg.
- Review numbers you see on signs and in books. Practice counting steps, toys, or items from the grocery store. Children can also count napkins, plates, and silverware when they help set the table.
- If you live in a snowy area, play outside in the snow. Ride a sled down a hill, build a snowman, or make a snow fort. How does the snow feel? If your area is not snowy, talk about what snow might be like. Enjoy a snow cone or an ice cream treat together instead!
- Provide a variety of art supplies (crayons, colored paper, glue, scissors, and paint) for your child to use freely. Point out illustrations and sculptures wherever you see them. If possible, visit an art museum or show. Talk about how artists use shapes, textures, and colors.



## Look for Books

The best way to learn which books your child enjoys is to read children's books—lots of them! Check out [funshineextras.com](http://funshineextras.com) for Book Lists corresponding to each month's themes. Get to know your local librarians and ask for their recommendations as well.

### Snowmen Series

by Caralyn Buehner

### Stella, Queen of the Snow

by Marie-Louise Gay

### Who Lives Here? Polar Animals

by Deborah Hodge

### Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes

by Eric Litwin

### Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos

by Monica Brown

### The Book of Mistakes

by Corinna Luyken

### I am Martin Luther King, Jr.

by Brad Meltzer

### The Dot

by Peter H. Reynolds

## Cooking Together

When cooking with young children, allow them to help in a safe way with mixing, pouring, rolling, mashing, shaking, etc. Use words to describe what you are doing and what you plan to do next. Talk about what you see, smell, feel, hear, and taste.

### Hot Cocoa Mix

- 1 lb. can unsweetened powdered cocoa
- 8 quart box nonfat dry milk
- 8 oz. container powder nondairy creamer
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 package mini marshmallows

Mix the ingredients. Store in an airtight container in a cool location. Serve by adding four heaping teaspoons per cup of hot water. Top with mini marshmallows!



## Sing Along with Me

Find these songs at [www.funshineexpress.com](http://www.funshineexpress.com)

### I'm a Little Penguin

Sung to "I'm a Little Teapot"

I'm a little penguin, short and stout.  
I cannot fly so I waddle about.  
When I want to eat, I have to swim.  
So I waddle to the water and dive right in!



### Look for Colors

Sung to "Are You Sleeping?"

Look for (yellow), look for (yellow),  
On your clothes, on your clothes.  
If you're wearing (yellow),  
(Wiggle like Jell-O).  
I found (yellow), I found (yellow)!



Continue with the additional colors below:

red...Put your finger on your head  
purple...Spin in a circle  
green...Find a place to lean  
white...Close your eyes good night  
brown...Make your face frown  
pink...Give your friend a wink  
glue...Hold up number two  
orange...Bite a juicy orange  
black...Clap behind your back



HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

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- 1 New Year's Day (Closed)
- 1 Curriculum Fee's Due
- 31 Parents Night Out





# Early Learners, Pre-Preschool & Preschool

	Daily Basics	Group Activities	Free Play or Learning Activities	Creative Expression
<b>Theme 1 • Snow Friends</b>				
<b>Thursday</b> January 2	Number 11 Display • Yam Names	Polar Hide and Seek • Round the Mulberry Bush • Choosing Books for Snow Friends • Introduction to Snow Friends Theme	Friends Character Counts Story • Snow Observation • Number Eleven Counting Card	Shiny Icicles
<b>Friday</b> January 3	Octagon Shape Display • Letter Tiles	Polar Trek • Octagon Shape • January Theme 1 Book • Migration and Hibernation	January Word Wall • Winter Sleepers • Octagon Shape Manipulatives	Igloo Art
<b>Monday</b> January 6	Octagon Spanish Card • Letter M Display	Sledding or Outdoor Fun • Letter M • Story Surprise • The Artic	No-Melt Snow Dough • Frozen Tundra	M Is for Mitten • Artic Expedition
<b>Tuesday</b> January 7	White Color Display • Letter M Word Cards	Meltdown • Big Old Bear • The Main Character • Polar Bears	Polar Bear, Polar Bear • Snowflake Names • Icy Oceans	Fuzzy Polar Bear
<b>Wednesday</b> January 8	White Spanish Card • Counting Letter M Words	Polar Wands • Artic Animals • Comparing Winters • Snowy Owls	Frozen Laundry • Driving Through Snow • Comparing Boots	Snowy Owl Necklace
<b>Thursday</b> January 9	Counting 11 • Guess the M Item	Ice Statues • Walrus, Walrus • Favorite Stories • Walruses	Winter Wonderland Bottles • Which Is Different? LCM	Snow Removal • Wonderful Walrus
<b>Friday</b> January 10	Octagon Riddle • M Is for Money	Hike and Whoa! • The North Wind • Audio Recordings, Then and Now • More Artic Animals	Melling Ice • Camouflage Match • North Wind Storyboard	Sparkling Scene
<b>Monday</b> January 13	White Designs • Letter N Display	Shape Roll • Letter N • Winter Precipitation • Antarctica	Fishy Math • Wind Blows • Warm-You-Up Dinner Rolls	N Is for Numbers
<b>Tuesday</b> January 14	Stop Sign Walk • Letter N Word Cards	Waddle, Waddle • I'm a Little Penguin • Predicting the Text • Penguins	Colored Ice Rocks • Winter Puzzle LCM • Penguin Pile-Up	Penguin On Ice
<b>Wednesday</b> January 15	Number 12 Display • Button Ns	Seal Tag • Friends • Wordless Books • Seals and Sea Lions	Creative Snow Friends • Number Twelve Counting Card	Igloo Fun • Social Seal
<b>Thursday</b> January 16	Cotton Balls Galore • N Is for Nap	Catch a Falling Snowball • Sprinkle, Sprinkle, Little Snow • Winter Connections • Whales	Polar Lotto January Math Game • Whale Facts	Polar Pals • Pop-Up Whale
<b>Friday</b> January 17	Driving on an Octagon • N Is for Noodles	Snowball Toss • The Lonely Snowman • Guess the Story • Snow Friends Theme Review	Silly Snowmen • Polar Memory • Animal Sounds	Snow Globe
<b>Theme 2 • Scribbles and Splats</b>				
<b>Monday</b> January 20	12 in the Cup • Sticky Note Letter Hunt	Around the World • Creating Art • Choosing Books for Scribbles and Splats • Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Friendship Puzzle • Fingerprint Names • Understanding Differences • Create Your Own Adventure	My Two Hands
<b>Tuesday</b> January 21	Small to Large Octagons • Letter O Display	Make a Move • Letter O • Counting 1, 2, 3 in a Story • Introduction to Scribbles and Splats	Blank Slate • Critique a Masterpiece • Octagons Galore!	O Is for Octagon
<b>Wednesday</b> January 22	A Dozen Snacks • Letter O Word Cards	A Bouncy Ride • Create with Me • January Theme 2 Book • Creating Art	Crunchy Creatures • Playdough ABCs • Guess the Number	A Creative Creation
<b>Thursday</b> January 23	Colored Blocks • Covering Os	Straw Challenge • Yummy Pie! • Weather, Color, and Mood • National Pie Day/Color	The History of Crayola Crayons • Colors Concept Cube	Pie Shop • Wacky Watercolor
<b>Friday</b> January 24	Missing Numbers • Forming Letter O	The Balancing Act • Pretty Picture • Being Witty with Words • Drawing	Create a Face • Frozen Hands and Feet • Creation Seriation LCM	Fine Arts Feature—Oil Pastel Shapes
<b>Monday</b> January 27	Creating Patterns • Musical Letters	Let's Dance • Paint to Music • What's Going to Happen? • Painting	Finger Painting Sequence Set • Painted Monogram • Do Oil and Water Mix?	My Art Palette
<b>Tuesday</b> January 28	White Clothing • Secret Letters	Lights, Camera, Action • Look for Colors • After the Story • Sculpting	Cardboard Letters • Dip-Dyed Craft Sticks • Foil Sculptures	Little Craft House
<b>Wednesday</b> January 29	Clapping 12 • Flashlight Letters	Dancer's Pose • I Am Creative • Hints of Nonfiction • Creating Collages	Shapes and Sizes • National Gallery of Art Program • Alphabet Collage	Colorful Collage
<b>Thursday</b> January 30	Drawing Colors • Hopping on Letters	Marching Band • Art Hokey Pokey • Working Together • Caring for Art Supplies	Pitch In! • Paper Square Patterns • Tracing Pictures	Tissue Print Weaving Mat
<b>Friday</b> January 31	Shapes and Symmetry • Word Card Match	Animal Actions • De Colores • January 2020 Book Review • Scribbles and Splats Theme Review	Likes and Dislikes • Change in Environment • Creating Letter Sounds	Didgeridoo

