



Winter Reading for Early Literacy

Reading aloud everyday helps children with hearing loss build literacy skills. Here are five “winter” books with specific concepts, skills, and activities for incorporating LSL strategies into your reading time.

Reading List

The Mitten

Bear Snores On

The Three Snow Bears

The Snowy Day

Baby Loves Winter

The Mitten

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One by one, forest animals make their way inside a mitten to get out of the cold.

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Word Focus...

Animals: Mole, Hedgehog, Badger, Meadow Mouse, Owl, Bear, Snowshoe Rabbit

Focus on action words! Tunneling, Burrowed, Cozy, Admired, Wiggled, Snuffling Along, Bumped, Grumbled, Snuggled, Waft, Investigate, Muzzle, Lumbered, Stretched, Bulged, Jostled

Activity Ideas

Find my mitten! Use a real mitten or cut one out of paper and play hide and seek with the mitten. “I lost my mitten, help me find it!”

What a crowded mitten! Use a real mitten and see how many different toys or objects you can squeeze into the mitten. Try to remember and recite (or tell) the order you put them in there.

Let’s “pack in” like in the mitten! Find a small space, maybe in a closet or under the stairs, and pretend to be like the animals packing into the mitten. Use stuffed animals or toys while talking about the experience. Use the phrase in other context whenever possible: “Let’s all pack in the car to go to grandma’s house.”

More On The Web

Download free coloring pages and activities that reinforce the language and reading experience here: www.janbrett.com.

Get a free lesson about teaching sequencing, predicting, and how to retell a story using “The Mitten” here: www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/mitten-lesson-plan.