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**WINTER**

A pathfinder designed for preschool through grade 2 children to help you find materials on the winter season in the West Springfield Public Library Youth Department.

**> Parent/Teacher Materials <**

THE MAILBOX,  
PERIODICAL

"The Mailbox, Preschool." Animals in Winter. Dec./Jan. 2003-4.  
p. 50-55.

PARENT J372.6/SCH

Schlosser, Kristin. Thematic Units for Kindergarten. New York: Scholastic Professional Books, 1994.

Each theme includes suggestions for group time activities, literature extensions and thematic book lists.

PARENT J394.261/FOR

Forte, Imogene. January: Patterns, Projects & Plans. Nashville, TN: Incentive Publications, 1990.

Include four major unit themes: January's Joys – Birthdays Are Special Days – Snow and Ice and Freezing Cold – Learning About Clothing.

**> Non-Fiction <**

J578.43/BAX

Baxter, Nicola. Winter. New York: Children's Press, 1996.

A simple discussion of various facets of winter, including cold weather and snow, warm clothing and foods, and winter holidays.

J578.43/SAU

Saunders-Smith, Gail. Winter. Mankato, MN: Pebble Books, 1998.

Simple text and photographs depict the weather, plants, animals, and activities of winter.

J591.565/BERGER

Berger, Melvin & Gilda. What Do Animals Do In Winter: How Animals Survive the Cold. Nashville, TN: Ideals Children's Books, 1995.

Detailed illustrations and simple text show the wintertime habits of a large number of animals.

**> Poetry <**

J811.54/YOL

Yolen, Jane. Snow, Snow: Winter Poems for Children. Honesdale, PA: Wordsong/Boyd's Mills Press, 1998.

Simple poems accompanied by winter photographs.

## > Fiction <

EJ/EDW

Edwards, Richard. Copy Me, Copycub. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1999.

Copycub, who imitates everything that his mother bear does, follows her to their den when winter comes and snow begins to fall.

EJ/GEO

George, Jean Craighead. Dear Rebecca, Winter is Here. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1993.

A grandmother explains to her granddaughter how the arrival of winter brings changes in nature and the earth's creatures, and how the return of spring and summer will bring more changes.

EJ/ROO

Root, Phyllis. Grandmother Winter. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1999.

When Grandmother Winter shakes out her feather quilt, birds, bats, bears, and other creatures prepare themselves for the cold.

R/EJ/RYL

Rylant, Cynthia. Poppleton in Winter. New York: Blue Sky Press, 2001.

Poppleton the pig makes a new friend after an icicle accident, creates a bust of Cherry Sue, and gets a wintry birthday surprise from his pals.

## > Video <

VIDEO J551.6/ALL

Weather for Children: All About Climate & Seasons. Wynnewood, PA: Schlessinger Media, 2000.

Winter, spring, summer and fall. We know what happens in our own back yards at these times during the year, but it isn't the same everywhere in the world! When it's warm and sunny where you are, it might be very different at other places in the world. Why do the seasons change? And what causes different regions of the world to have different climates? These and other questions are answered in "All about climate & seasons," where young students will learn about these yearly changes through engaging examples and explanations. 23 min.

JVIDEO/KIP

Kipper. Let it Snow. Producer, Ginger Gibbons. Grand Slamm's Children's Films. Allen, TX: Hit Entertainment, 2002

Contains five episodes: Christmas Eve / Mick Inkpen -- The igloo / Matthew Westwood -- Tiger's sled / Dave Ingham -- The big freeze / James Mason -- Snowy day. Approx. 8 min. ea.

## > Website <

Gayle's Preschool Rainbow. Site maintained by Gale Jacobs. Copyright 1999-2005. Site visited April 6, 2005.

<http://www.preschoolrainbow.org/preschool-winter>.

Preschool activities, themes and ideas that enrich year round early childhood curriculum.

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