

The Snowy Day Extension Activities for the Classroom

Science:

Melting Ice

Place paper cups filled with ice cubes in various places around the classroom (in a closet, near a sunny windowsill, in an insulated lunch bag, or in a pocket like Peter did). Observe which cubes melt faster and/or slower and discuss why.

Snow Playdough

2 cups cornstarch

1 1/4 cup unscented white hand lotion

Bowl, spoon, cookie cutters, rolling pins, etc.

Let your students measure the ingredients. This is great for following directions and developing math skills. In a large bowl mix the cornstarch, lotion and peppermint oil. As you stir, the mixture will start to form into what looks like a snowball.



Snow Slime

1/2 cup of Elmer's White Glue

3 Cups of Foam Shaving Cream

1/2 tsp baking soda

1 tbsp of saline solution

Glitter, if desired (sprinkle it on after you make the slime!)



See link for complete instructions. <https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/winter-fake-snow-slime-recipe/>

Catching Snowflakes – You need a snowy day!

Prep all the paper ahead of time (at least 2 hours). Once the snow has started falling, take the papers out of the freezer and let the children catch the flakes onto the frozen black (or any other dark color) paper.

<https://lemonlimeadventures.com/simple-winter-science-how-to-catch-snowflakes/>



Art:

Snowflake Prints

Prep the Peter cut-outs ahead of time. Let the children use thread spools, bubble wrap and/or other repurposed items to make this cool artwork inspired by *The Snowy Day*. After the paint has dried, the children can glue Peter onto the picture.



Music:

Winter Songs

Lots of cold weather songs and poems in the link below.

<https://teachingmama.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Winter-Songs-for-Preschool1-1.pdf>

If you and your students enjoyed reading *The Snowy Day*, be sure to check out these books too:

- *There Was a Cold Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow!* by Lucille Collandro
- *The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder Paperback* by Mark Cassino
- *The Mitten* by Jan Brett