



Keats (1962). *The Snowy Day*. Viking Press

Activities

- Practice putting on winter gear.
- Place pictures from the book by the block area and build a snowy city.
- Bring snow indoors by placing snow in a sensory table and explore with mittens, buckets, and shovels.
- Make footprints in the snow while exploring outdoors.
- Use a stick to draw in the snow.
- Manipulate playdough to make snowballs.
- Practice putting hats and gloves and baby dolls.
- Place damp sand in a wadding pool and make tracks wearing winter boots.
- Manipulate cars and miniature people on a ramp.
- Use various colors of paint and paint brushes to paint in the snow.

The Snowy Day

Take a walk with Peter as he goes on an adventure through a snowy city making various footprints in the snow, snow angels and attempting to save a snowball in his coat pocket. **The Snowy Day** is a simple tale of a boy waking up to discover that snow has fallen during the night. This book was inspired by photos of a young Black child the author saw in Life Magazine. He was fascinated with the photos and wanted to create his own story about the little boy.

Book Interaction Tips

- Discuss the footprints you see outside in the snow after looking at Peter's footprints in the book.
- After Peter places the snowball in his coat pocket, ask your child what they think will happen to the snowball. Once you read what happened to the snowball, ask why did the snowball melt.
- Discuss the different levels of snow throughout the book.
- If your child has played in the snow before, make connections from the book to their previous snow explorations.
- Discuss the different shapes and colors of snowflakes as they fall from the sky in the book.
- Math concepts are intertwined throughout the book. Please view the attached document that discusses how to use math concepts with infants and toddlers.