

## Mitten Decorating

(Art)

Cut out mitten shapes from construction paper. Have children decorate them with a variety of art materials, such as markers, crayons, paint, glitter, sequins, or other art materials. Use the time to talk about all the things they wear to keep from getting frostbite in the cold. When they are done, You can use yarn to attach the mittens together.

## Ice Experiment

(Science-group)

Fill up some baking trays or large angled bowls with water and stick them into the freezer, however, don't freeze them completely. This experiment will vary depending on freezer, but an average time of about 1.5 hours should freeze it just enough. You want to freeze the top layer but not all the way through so that there is water underneath. Bring the tray out, and gather the children around it. Use this demonstration to talk about the ice in lakes, and why it is important to stay off of them unless a professional has tested the ice. The tray should freeze so that certain area's of the ice, particularly along the edges, are more frozen than in the middle. Use a toothpick to test the ice in different area's.

## Slippery Roads

(Science-Sensory)

Make trays of ice by putting a small amount of water onto several larger trays and then sticking it in the freezer.

When it's center time, get the ice out and set it on one of your classroom tables, or out in the block area. Provide the children with some toy cars, and have them play driving them on the sheets of ice.

## Snowy Day

(Sensory)

Get out some play people at one of your tables along with some shaving cream. Squirt some shaving cream out at the table, and have the children play with the play people in it pretending that it is a snowy day. Use the time to talk about winter safety

## Dressing Up for Winter

(Dramatic Play)

Bring in a variety of snow related items, such as scarves, hats, coats, boots, long underwear, exc. Set the items out in your dramatic play area, and let the children have fun seeing how dressed up they can get for the cold weather.

