

Theme: Snow Animals!

Week 2

This document contains all of the activities for the theme “for the age group “Big Kids.”

Have fun!

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All activities require adult supervision!

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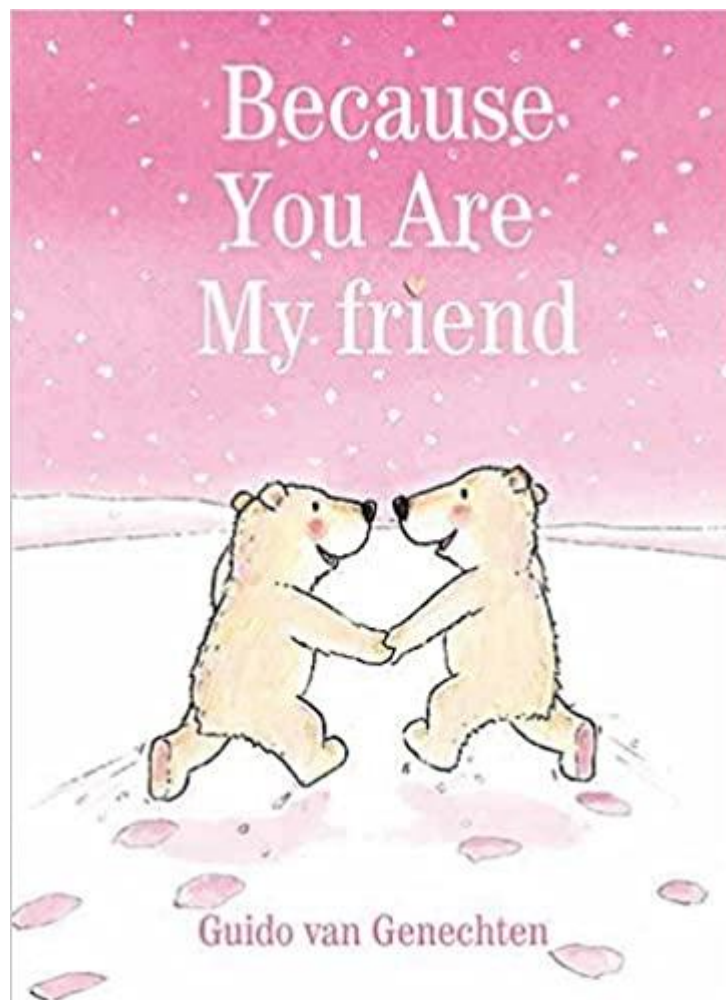
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Book Suggestion

“Because you are my Friend”

(We highly recommend checking your local library for this book, however if you cannot find it-please see link on our “Theme extras” web page to purchase if desired or find another book that showcases snow animals)! - We suggest using the same book for two weeks as this really helps children gain reading comprehension of the book!



Song Suggestion

Penguins waddling

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5 little penguins were waddling
Until 1 saw some water and jumped right in!

4 little penguins were waddling
Until 1 saw some water and jumped right in!

3 little penguins were waddling
Until 1 saw some water and jumped right in!

2 little penguins were waddling
Until 1 saw some water and jumped right in!

1 little penguin was waddling
Until 1 saw some water and jumped right in!

No little penguins are waddling
They have all decided to go for a swim

Simple Vocabulary Words

These are optional vocabulary cards to show your child before reading the story to help with understanding. It is also a great idea to point out the animals while reading the book!



POLAR BEAR
SEAL



PENGUIN



WALRUS



SNOWY OWL



ARCTIC FOX



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Art Project: Penguin!

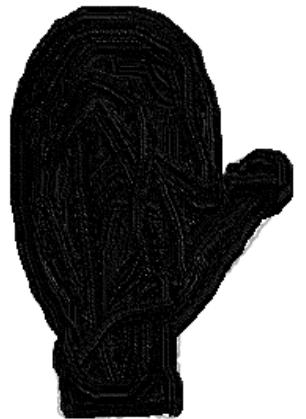
What you need for this activity:

- *Non-toxic Glue
- *Child-safe scissors
- *Mitten Printed on black paper (or black construction paper if doing variation)
- *Googly eyes
- *Orange triangle cut (from construction paper or orange foam) for nose.
- *White oval shape for belly

Directions:

Step 1: Cut out the mitten shape- if you do not have black construction paper, you could also print the shape on white paper and color it in black with marker or black paint.

*Variation-trace the child's hand on the black construction paper and cut out the shape



Step 2: Glue on the eyes and triangle nose



Step 3: Glue on the white oval shape!





Pre-writing Activity:

Let's draw an Igloo!

What you need for this activity:

- *Blank piece of paper
- *Writing utensil
- *Optional-printed Igloo step by step instructions.

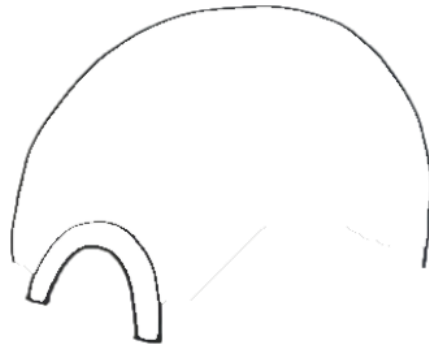
Directions:

See step-by-step

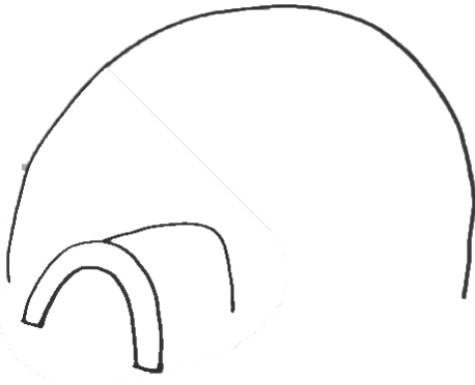
How to draw an igloo



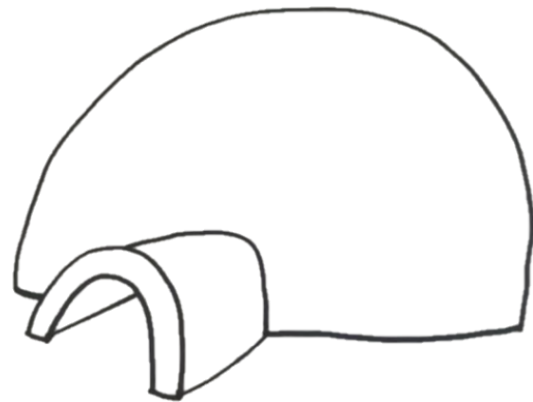
Step 1: Draw a wide upside-down U shape



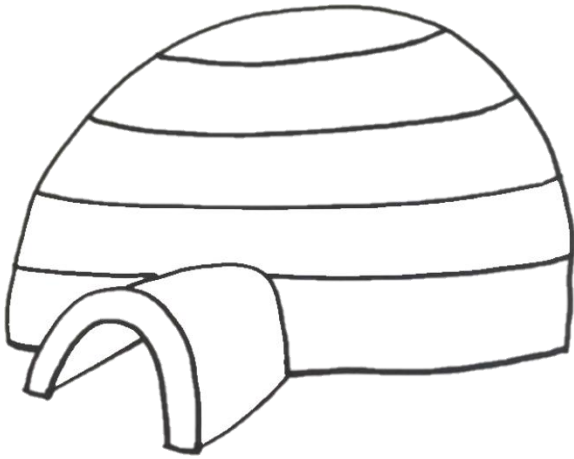
Step 2: Add a door by connecting two upside-down U shapes.



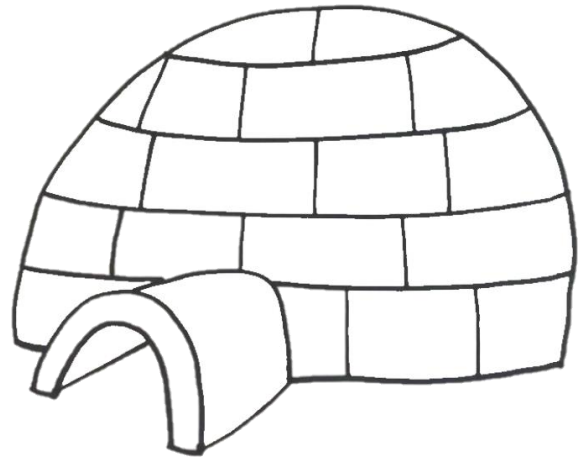
Step 3: Add a side-ways L to the door.



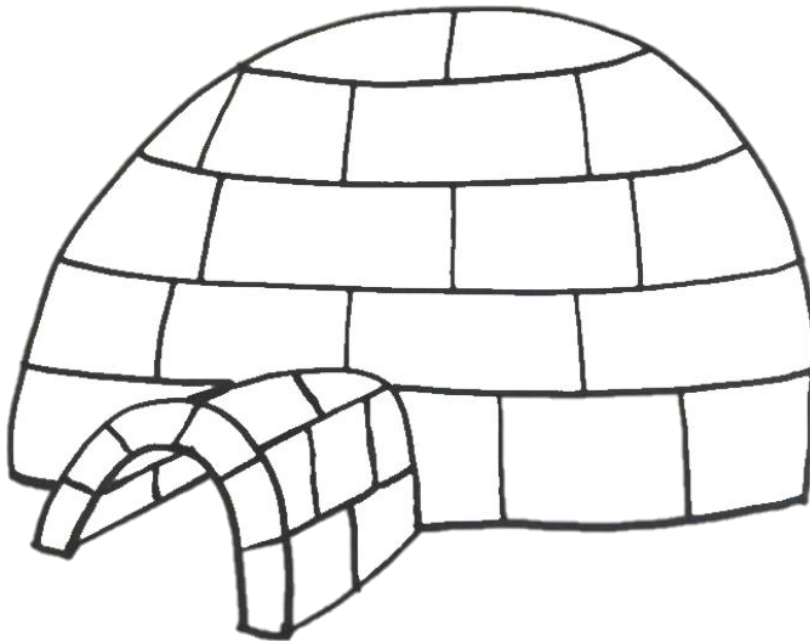
Step 4: Connect the bottom across then two lines to close the door.



Step 5: Add four slightly curved lines.



Step 6: Add vertical lines.



Step 7: Form a grid pattern to finish your door!

Math Activity:

Penguins on ice bergs game

What you need for this activity:

- *Penguins on ice bergs instructions and cut outs
- *Child-safe Scissors

Directions:

Cut out the game pieces and then follow the directions of the game!

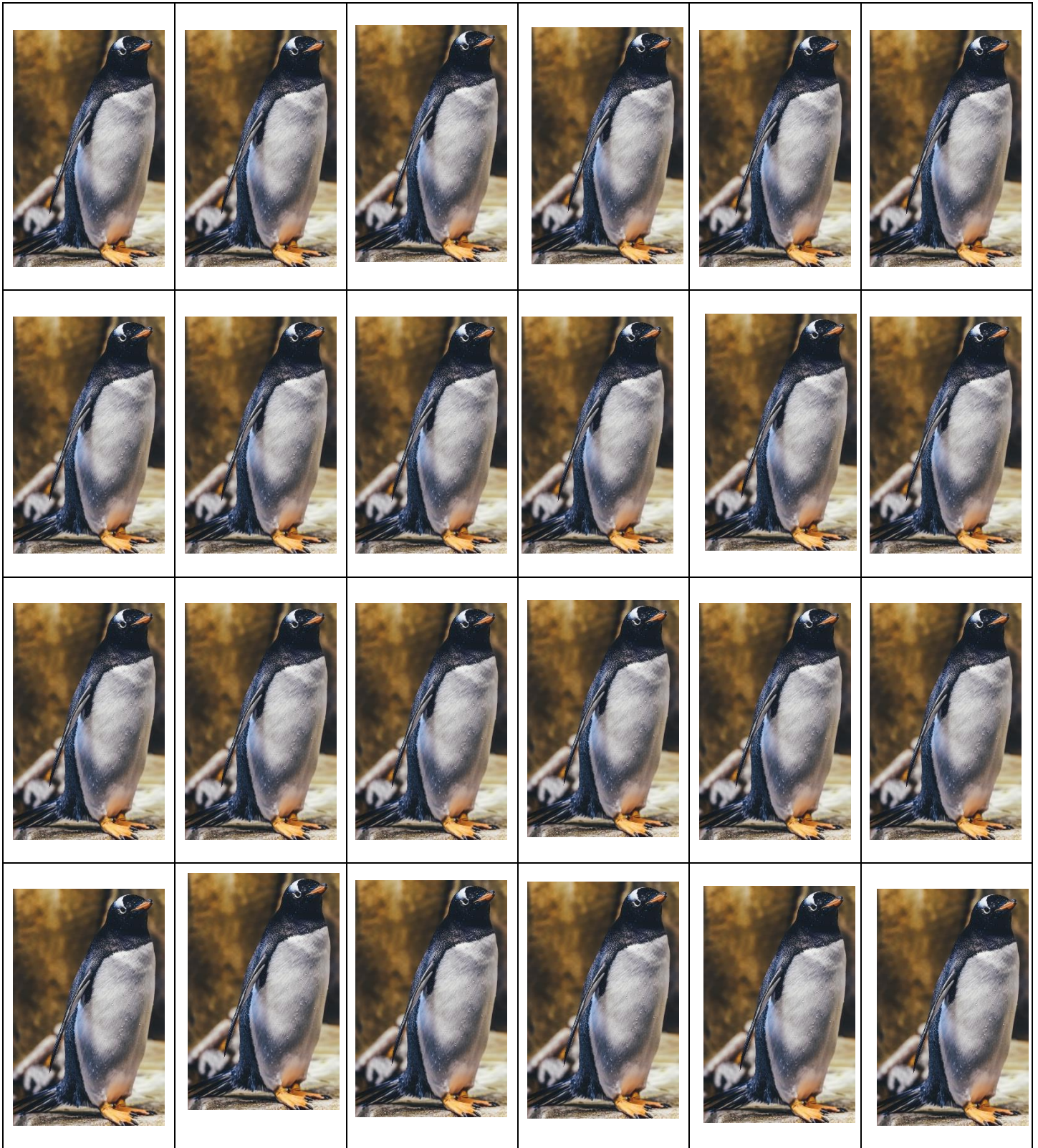
Penguins on icebergs game

*Play this game with at least one partner. Each person gets a set of icebergs with the numbers 1-6 on them. Each person also has penguins. Each person will try and cover all of their own ice bergs first. For example, player one rolls a 1 and places 1 penguin on their number 1 ice berg. Player two then rolls a 3 and places 3 penguins on their number 3 ice berg, the game goes on until the first player has managed to roll all numbers 1-6 and their ice bergs are covered with their penguins. (Note: there are three extra penguins in case any get ripped).









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Language Activity: Syllable slap

What you need for this activity:

*Snow animal vocabulary cards (or snow animal manipulatives work too)!

*Two sets of sticky notes (or sticky note size paper with tape on it) with numbers written on them (1-4).

*Two fly swatters

Directions:

Counting syllables in words is a wonderful way for children to practice pre-reading skills, allowing them to “break words up.”

For this game, divide children into two groups. They will use the fly swatters to swat the number (not each other)! Hang the sticky notes in order 1-4 on a wall (that can be slapped) a chosen distance from the teams.

An adult (or a child) reads the vocabulary word for example “Penguin.” The first team to slap the correct number of syllables in that word wins a point. (So whichever team slaps the 3 in this case). Whichever team has the most points at the end wins!

If you want to lengthen the game, add more well-known words to the mix-like children’s names, foods, colors etc.

Science: Penguins

What you need for this activity:

*1 Large plastic baggy (either with zipper or use duct tape to tape it shut)

*Water

*Blue food coloring

*Oil

Directions:

1. Ask your child what happens to their skin when they go swimming? Presumably they will tell you that their skin gets wet, and that they might get cold.

-Tell your child that when a penguin goes swimming, their feathers manage to stay dry which helps keep them warm! Ask them how they think penguin feathers do this. (It's totally okay if they have no idea)!

As always-we recommend having an adult write down the children's ideas, it is a great way for them to associate writing with words!

Then...

2. Let the children fill their bags up with water, about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way full and add blue food coloring (this represents the ocean)

3. (Ask children to hypothesize what they think will happen when they) drip some oil into the water (you don't need a lot)!

4. **Zip the bag shut (or duct tape it closed)

5. -Ask your child what observations they can make about the oil and water (they should notice that they stay separate).

6. Then let your child try to mix them up by shaking the bag.

7. Let them watch what happens when it settles again-the oil once again will separate from the water.

-If you want to have them engage even more as scientists, have the children draw pictures of what the bag looks like at each stage to record their observations.

Give the simple explanation that a penguin's feathers are covered in a type of oil too-so that even when they swim the oil on their feathers keeps the water off of them and they stay dry!