



Share a book everyday to create a reader for a lifetime!



**Title:** Snowmen at Night

**Author:** Caralyn Buehner

**Illustrator:** Mark Buehner

**Book Summary:** When it gets very dark, snowmen play, skate, and sled until they make their way back to their yards as the sun rises.

**Before Reading,** use the following conversation starters to engage your child's interest in the book.

**To develop book awareness,** explain what the words "author" and "illustrator" mean. Ask your child if s/he were to write or illustrate a book, what would it be about?

**To develop prediction skills,** ask your child to look at the cover picture. Ask your child to contrast what the snowmen are doing during the day to what they are doing at night. Discuss what your child thinks will happen in the story based on the picture.

**During Reading,** use the following ideas to keep your child actively engaged in the book sharing.

**To develop verbal language skills,** ask your child to describe the games the snowmen are playing. Repeat what your child says and add more specified details. For example, your child says, "They're drinking cocoa." You can reply, "Yes, they are drinking ice-cold cocoa. But we like our cocoa warm."

**To encourage creativity,** help your child look for the hidden pictures of a cat, a rabbit, a Santa face, and a Tyrannosaurus Rex.

**After Reading,** use the following activities to extend your book sharing experience.

**To develop reading comprehension,** ask your child to tell you what happened at the beginning of the story, in the middle of the story, and at the end of the story. Sequencing is important in reading comprehension.

**To encourage gross motor development,** encourage your child to act all the activities the snowmen are doing. Physical activity can help a book come alive to a child.

**To develop creativity,** provide materials to make snowmen sock puppets. Your child can use his/her imagination to make the face, arms, hat, and scarf to bring the puppet to life. Then s/he can act out this story or one s/he creates for the family to watch.

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