



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



Title: The Snowy Day

Author and Illustrator: Ezra Jack Keats

Book Summary: A little boy wakes one morning to find everything covered in snow and plays all day.

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

To develop your child's interest, explain that this book was written in 1962. Share some of your favorite stories from your childhood. Ask your child what his/her favorite stories are.

To develop book awareness, talk with your child about what the words "author" and "illustrator" mean. Explain that this book was written and illustrated by the same person.

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

To develop reading comprehension, ask your child what happened at the beginning of the story. Ask what s/he thinks will happen next to develop prediction skills.

To expand the story to include additional concepts, discuss the colors and shapes used in the illustrations. Count the footprints, snowballs or bubbles. You can talk about "more" and "less" or "taller" and "smaller."

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

To encourage verbal skills, ask your child to continue the story. What will Peter and his friend do together in the snow. Take the time to write the story and allow your child to illustrate the rest of the story.

To develop gross motor skills, play a game of follow the leader. Take turns walking with your toes pointed in, with your toes pointed out, running quickly, or dragging a stick. Allow your child to have turns as the leader. This helps a child learn to take turns.

To encourage creativity, ask your child to draw a picture with a white crayon on a dark piece of construction paper. Provide glue and cotton balls for your child to make snow.
(Please supervise for safety.)

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