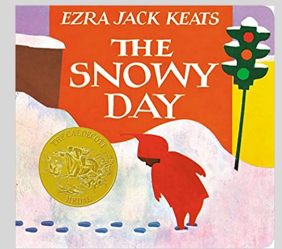




The Snowy Day

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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own. To help make story time more interactive consider using the PEER method described below. Read more about the PEER method [here](#).

PEER

PROMPT

Prompt your child with a question. This will help your child engage more deeply with the book.

Example: Point to an object in the picture. "What is that?"

EVALUATE

Evaluate your child's response by agreeing or clarifying.

Example: "That's right! That's a balloon."

EXPAND

Expand on your child's response by connecting it to something they have experienced or by being more descriptive.

Example: "That's a big, red balloon! We saw one of those yesterday."

REPEAT

Repeat the prompt you started with and encourage your child to use what you've discussed to answer again.

Activities

- » Before Reading: Look at the front cover of the story. Ask your child to make a prediction as to what they think the story may be about.
- » Paper Snowflakes: Using paper and scissors, work with your child to create paper snowflakes. Make a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors!
- » What to Wear: Have a discussion with your child about the appropriate type of clothing to wear in snowy weather. Practice picking out appropriate clothing and getting dressed in it.
- » Sensory Snow: Make your own snow at home by mixing white hair conditioner (1/2 cup) and baking soda (3 cups). Allow your child to use their hands to play in the snow. For added fun, gather small objects to play with in the snow too!

