

WINTER WONDERLAND

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KIDS' DAY OUT
SINGLE DAY LESSON PLAN FOR GRADES K-5

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Get ready to wander into winter! Winter Wonderland is an interactive school-age curriculum that encourages children to construct knowledge through thoughtfully planned activities and active exploration of their environment. Children will learn about the winter season and what makes it so magical. While the lesson plan incorporates many different Pennsylvania Learning Standards, it focuses on the key learning area of “Scientific Thinking and Technology”. Specifically, children will engage in learning activities that meet the PA Standard Areas: Biological Sciences, Earth Sciences, and Environment and Ecology.

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SINGLE DAY SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION	DURATION/SCHEDULE
Arrival Activity (Early drop off): Puzzles/Games	As Needed
Ready Set Learn: Fun Facts About the Arctic	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Whale Blubber Experiment	30 Minutes
Snack	15 Minutes
Themed Activity: Polar Bear Craft	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Snowball Tag	30 Minutes
Lunch	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Tye-Dye Snowflakes	45 Minutes
Social-Emotional Learning: Bucket Filler Sticky Notes	45 Minutes
Hands-On Activity: Making an Igloo	45 Minutes
Wrap Up	15 Minutes
Pick Up Activity (Late Pick Up): Puzzles/Games	As Needed

MATERIALS LIST

- Containers for ice water
- Shortening or petroleum jelly
- 4 sealable gallon storage bags
- Paper plates
- White tissue paper cut into 1-inch squares
- Glue
- White cardstock paper
- Empty plastic fruit cups
- White acrylic paint
- Paintbrushes
- Black marker
- Large black pom poms
- Glue gun (adult use only)
- Black construction paper cut in 1-inch circles
- Scissors
- Coffee filters
- Water-based markers in cool colors (blues, greens, violets)
- Newspaper
- Spray bottle for water
- Pictures of igloos
- Marshmallows
- Toothpicks

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EARLY DROP-OFF



ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION

ARRIVAL ACTIVITY

- Puzzles and games related to winter



DURATION/SCHEDULE

3 hours – 6 to 9 a.m.



MATERIALS

- Variety of games and puzzles



LEARNER MODIFICATIONS



GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- Use play to practice new skills and knowledge
- Cooperate with peers during activities
- Coordinate eye and hand movements



STANDARDS

- AL.1 2.A
- AL.1 2.C
- 10.5 2.B



ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION

READY SET LEARN: THE ARCTIC

FUN FACTS:

- The Arctic is a frigid, windy, and often snowy biome located around the North Pole. When referring to the Arctic, people usually mean the part of the earth within the Arctic Circle (an imaginary circle around the Earth, parallel to the Equator and 23 degrees 28 minutes from the North Pole, that is, above about 75 degrees North Latitude). Although there is no land at the North Pole, the icy Arctic Ocean is teeming with life ranging from the microscopic (like zooplankton) to the huge (like whales).
- The Arctic Circle is extremely vast, with a lot of lands (northern parts of Asia, Europe, and North America). Land within the Arctic Circle is tundra, and it supports less life than most other biomes because of the cold temperatures, strong, dry winds, and permafrost (permanently frozen soil). Long periods of darkness (in the winter) and light (in the summer) also affect Arctic life.
- The most extreme Arctic land is the closest to the North Pole and is called the **High Arctic Zone**; this polar desert supports very little animal or plant life (less than 5 percent of the land area is covered with vegetation) due to a very short, dry growing season, dry air, permafrost, poor soils, and a lack of pollinating insects. The warmer Arctic region is called the **Low Arctic Zone**. This area supports more life, with more than 90 percent of the land area covered with hardy, cold-and-dry-adapted vegetation.