

**Books: The Mitten Tree by Candace Christiansen
The Important Book by Margaret Wise Brown.**

An Important Poem

Sarah

The important thing about Sarah is she knitted mittens for the children.

She saw the boy with no mittens.

Sarah knitted mittens for the little boy.

Sarah hung the mittens on the tree.

The tree has mittens.

Children came to take mittens.

Someone left a basket of yarn so Sarah could knit more mittens.

But, the important thing about Sarah is she knitted mittens for the children.

Book: Geraldine's Big Snow by Holly Keller

Diamante Poem

Geraldine

pink little

walking anticipating playing

Geraldine went walking and looked at the sky.

outside

Book: Winter Rabbit by Patrick Yee

Acrostic Poem

Water frozen

Icicles

Now it's snowing

Time to build a friend

Everyone helps

Rabbit will be our friend

Rabbit is made of snow

Ate a snow carrot

Best skater ever

Balls thrown made of snow

It was a fabulous day

Temperature rises, Goodbye Rabbit till next year

Book: White Snow, Bright Snow by Alvin Tresselt

Brainstorm some verbs and adverbs to describe snowflakes coming down:

Snowflakes

drifting

sifting

scurrying

whispering

dancing

tumbling

floating

roaring

sprinkling

fluttering

whooshing

rushing

Snowflakes

You fill our world with wonder.

Brainstorm adjectives to describe how snowflakes look:

White Snow, Bright Snow Made of Snowflakes

powdery snowflakes

lacy snowflakes

icy, cold snowflakes

fluffy snowflakes

glittery snowflakes

shiny snowflakes

glistening snowflakes

sparkling snowflakes

tiny snowflakes

flustery snowflakes

blustery snowflakes

We love you, snowflakes.

Collect ideas from the book about what the snow does

Finally .. the poem

White Snow, Bright Snow Look What You've Done

covered the roofs

filled branches with great white blossoms

buried the fields and stone walls

made pictues of ice ferns on window panes

gave windows great white eyebrows

put pointed caps on the church steeples

made cars into big fat snowdrift raisins

dripped into long shiny icicles

put dunce caps on fenceposts

White Snow Bright Snow

You've dressed the world in a beautiful white gown.

Books:

Dear Rebecca Winter Is Here by Jean Craighead George

Missing Mitten Mystery by Steven Kellogg

Sensory Poems

Winter

By Kylie

In winter I see Christmas trees.

In winter I hear bells ring.

In winter I feel sticky.

In winter I taste sugar.

In winter I smell my tree.

Books:

The Mitten by Jan Brett

Snowflake Bentley by Mary Azarian

5Ws Poems

Niki

lost his mitten

after Baba knitted it

in the forest.

It fell in the snow!

Snowflake Bentley

Snowflake Bentley

took pictures of snowflakes

all through his life

in Vermont.

Snowflake Bentley loved snow!

Book: Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

Acrostic Poem

SNOWFLAKE

Snowfall this morning

Neat and pretty

Old and young out playing

Winter beauty

Forget about school

Lacy little flakes

A lot of hot chocolate

Kids having fun

Exciting day!

Books: The Hat and The Mitten by Jan Brett

5 Senses Poem

We love winter!
Winter feels like a refrigerator.
Winter smells like hot cocoa.
Winter tastes like an Icee.
Winter sounds like quiet snow.
Winter looks like an igloo.
We love winter!

Book: Thomas' Snowsuit by Robert Munsch

5 W Poem

Thomas' Snowsuit

(Who) Thomas
(What) He won't put on his snowsuit
(When) When they go outside for recess
(Where) At school
(Why) Thomas thought the snowsuit was ugly

Books:

The Snowchild by Debi Gliori

The Winter Eyes by Douglas Florian

Free Verse Poem

Winter is Fun

Snowy
Cold
Snowflakes
Icicles
Warm Clothes
Making a Snowman
Snow Angels
Igloos
Ice Fishing
Ice Sculptures
Ice Skating
Skiing
Snow Boarding
Snow Hiking
Hot Chocolate
Winter is fun

Book: The Big Snow by Berta and Elmer Hader

ABC Poem

THE BIG SNOW

Food is under the snow.
Groundhogs hibernate peacefully.
Hunting for food.
Ice and snow everywhere.
Jays shake their feathers.
Kind people help the animals.
Little birds fly to eat seeds.
Many animals throng together.
And that was the end of the Big Snow.

Book: North Country Night by Daniel San Souci

Rhyming Poem

NORTH COUNTRY NIGHT

On a cold winter's night
The hunter was in bed,
But, not the animals
They were busy instead.
The great horned owl was flying,
The raccoon started to dig,
The deer was having a drink,
While the rabbit chewed on twigs.
But the night was soon over,
Now it was almost day.
The hunter would be up,
The animals went away.

Books:

Grandmother Winter by Phyllis Root

Snow Ponies by Cynthia Cotten

Free Verse Poem

SNOW PONIES

Pretty snow ponies,
Whipping tails,
Flying manes,
Prancing and playing,
Whistling and whinnying.
Magical feet touch the ground
Turning everything white.

Book: Winter by Pauline Cartwright

During our shared reading experience with this book, we learned how to use a K-W-L chart to help us learn about winter. We also discussed the five senses and what we see, hear, taste, smell, and feel in winter. To wrap up our unit, we composed a shared writing piece. This was our first experience with writing an acrostic poem, and boy did we have fun! Enjoy!

Acrostic Poem

Winter

Winter is cold.
Ice is slippery.
No more hot days in winter.
The snow falls from the sky.
Everything is icy.
Rivers are frozen.

Book: White Snow, Bright Snow by Alvin Tresselt

Acrostic Poem

WHITE SNOW

Winter is here.
Houses are covered in snow.
Ice is on the ground.
The snow is cold.
Every day it is freezing.

Snow is falling from the sky.
Now winter is here.
Oh, I want to have a snowball fight!
Winter will come again.

Book: The Snow Kept on Falling by Kathie Mc Queary

Pattern Poem

The Snow Kept on Falling

The snow started to fall.
It was Christmas morning.
Children started to wake up.
We wanted to go visit Grandma,
But the snow kept on falling!

Icicles on the house
Clouds filled the air
Frost on cars and windows
Everything is white
And the snow kept on falling!

Drinking hot chocolate
Cozy near the fire
Watch movies, have popcorn
Play games, curl up on the couch
And the snow kept on falling!

Have a snowball fight
Make a snowman
Go sledding, make snow angels
Build an igloo
And the snow kept on falling!

Nighttime comes
We got our pajamas on.
Look out the window.
Mom says it will stop.
BUT THE SNOW KEPT ON FALLING!

Books:

Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

The Important Book by Margaret Wise Brown

Pattern Poem

The important thing about Snowflake Bentley is that he was a very patient man.

He was born on February 9, 1865 in Jericho, Vermont.

He loved snowflakes more than anything else.

Snowflake Bentley discovered that no two snowflakes are the same.

He had a camera that had a special microscope on it.

He was the first person to take pictures of snowflakes.

Bentley studied and photographed snowflakes every winter.

He never quit when his experiments didn't work.

He was a Scientist of snow.

He also loved playing the piano and singing songs.

He published a book with pictures of snowflakes.

But the important thing about Snowflake Bentley is that he was a very patient man.

Book: When It Starts to Snow by Phillis Gershtator

Free Verse Poem

WHEN IT STARTS TO SNOW

What if it starts to snow?

What do you do?

Where do you go?

We go outside

and sleigh ride.

Often we have a snowball fight,

to our delight.

We love to ski

and look at all the beautiful scenery.

When we ice skate

we feel like we are floating like a snowflake.

There are times when we just stay inside

and stay under the covers and hide.

Then, we make hot cocoa

and look out our window.

What do you do when it starts to snow?

Shovel?

Oh-no?

Book: Stranger in the Woods by Carl R. Sams and Jean Stoick

Acrostic Poem

SNOWMAN

S is for Stranger
N is for Nest
O is for Old Owl
W is for Winter fun
M is for Munching Muskrat
A is for Animals
N is for Nice Story!

4 Line Poems

BLUE
LIPS
CHATTERING
WINTER IS COLD!!

WHITE
SKATES
GLIDING
WINTER IS FUN!

BROWN
MOUSE
SCURRIES
WINTER IS COOL!

FAST
BUCK
RUNS AWAY
AFRAID OF STRANGERS!

Book: How Cold Was It? by Jane Barclay

It is a WONDERFUL book for descriptive words. With the cold arctic weather that we've had the past week, it fit in just right. The children wrote and illustrated a cinquain poem.

Cinquain Poem

Cold
shivery, icy
freezing, stinging, crunching
The snowdrifts piled high.
Winter

Book: Flowers For The Snowman by Gerda Marie Scheidl

The diamante format is challenging for first graders but can be accomplished successfully when written with the whole class.

Diamante Poem

Flowers For The Snowman

Snowman
Sad, miserable
Looking, asking, walking
He was happy when he found them.
Flowers!

Book: The Mitten by Jan Brett

Acrostic Poem

THE MITTEN

T is for thick yarn.
H is for hedgehogs prickles.
E is for every animal entering.

M is for moving mitten.
I is for interesting animals.
T is for tight fit.
T is for together at last.
E is for exciting sneeze.
N is for Nikki's mitten white as snow!

4-Line Poems

THE MITTEN

Comfortable
mitten
pulled and stretched.
The mitten is a warm home for the animals

Book: Sadie and the Snowman by Allen Morgan

Sensory Poems

Our Winter Snow Poem

Winter, winter, what does it look like?
Winter looks like fluffy white pillows.

Winter, winter, what does it sound like?
Winter sounds like, "Watch out for that snowball!"

Winter, winter, what does it smell like?
Winter smells like logs burning.

Winter, winter, what does it feel like?
Winter feels like big marshmallows

Book: Ralph's Frozen Tale by Elise Primavera

Character Poem

RALPH'S RADICAL NORTH POLE ADVENTURE

Ralph is very brave because he battles snakes.
He wants to go to the North Pole.
After getting huskies, he meets a friendly polar bear.

Ralph laughs at everything because he thinks he is the bravest.
Ralph laughs at danger even though things are getting harder.
Then he flies into a "snow pile."
The snow pile was the bear and they both still live at the North Pole.

Book: Grandmother Winter by Phyllis Root

5 W's Poem

Grandmother Winter
shakes her white quilt of snow
in the winter
on the Earth
to cover it for a winters nap.

Book: Mrs. Toggle's Zipper by Robin Pulver

ZIPPER

Zipper was stuck
It was hot inside
Pulled on her coat
Pull harder!
Everybody fell on the floor
Remember to look up thingamajig!

Book: Snow is Falling by Franklyn Mansfield Branley

Pattern Poem

Snow, snow, snow
White snow,
Cold snow,
Sparkling, quiet, falling snow.
Wet, icky, sticky snow.
That's just a start you know!

Snowman snow,
Snowball snow,
Pretty, fluffy, fun snow.
Dry, deep, cool snow.
Slippery snow, too!

Icy snow,
Blizzard snow,
Don't forget melting snow!
Last of all, best of all,
We like all snow!