

Word Clouds



Preschool Storytime; Snow Clouds

February 21, 2013, 10:30-11 a.m.

Books

Carlstrom, Nancy White. *Mama, will it snow tonight?*
Boyd's Mills Press, c2009. Three mothers and their offspring--fox, rabbit, and human--wait for the first snow of winter.

P CARLSTROM

Clark, Joan. *Snow.*
Groundwood Books, 2006. As Sammy clammers up the heaps and mountains of snow, he imagines what might lie beneath; whales and seals, a black bear and her cubs, or could there be elves mining rubies and emeralds?

P CLARK

Gore, Leonid. *Danny's first snow.*
Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2007. When he ventures outside to experience his first snowfall, a young rabbit discovers that his world has greatly changed.

P GORE

Huneck, Stephen. *Sally's snow adventure.*
H.N. Abrams, c2006. Sally, a black Labrador retriever, becomes lost in the woods while on a winter vacation.

P HUNECK

Iwamura, Kazuo. *Hooray for snow.*
North-South, [1983], 2008. Beautiful illustrations bring a winter wonderland to life as three little squirrels try to convince Daddy to come out and play.

P IWAMURA

Johnson, David. *Snow sounds : an onomatopoeic story.*
Houghton Mifflin Company, 2006. A nearly-wordless book in which a young boy, eager to reach a much-anticipated holiday party on time, listens to the sounds of the shovels, snow plow, and other equipment used to clear his way.

P JOHNSON

Judge, Lita. *Red sled.*
Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2011. At night, a host of woodland creatures plays with a child's red sled.

P JUDGE

Na, Il Sung. *Snow rabbit, spring rabbit : a book of changing seasons.*
Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. While other animals migrate, hibernate, or stay busy all winter, a little white rabbit watches.

P NA

Rylant, Cynthia. *Snow.*
Harcourt, c2008. Celebrates the beauty of a snowfall and its happy effects on children.

P RYLANT

Sakai, Komako. *The snow day.*
Arthur A. Levine Books, [2005], 2009. A little rabbit enjoys having a day off from kindergarten and spending time with his mother during a snowstorm, but his father's flight home is cancelled until the snow stops falling.

P SAKAI

Rhymes

Sometimes I lie / in the grass, And I look at the clouds up high,
And I dream I am riding / a big white horse,
And I'm galloping over the sky.

Jill Eggleton

Snow Cloud Alphabet

ABC, DEFG, Up in the sky, what do I see? (*look up, point at sky*)
HIJK, LMNO, Do you think it's going to snow! (*finger on cheek, question*)
PQR, STUV, The flakes are falling down on me! (*flutter fingers down*)
W, XYZ, I think my toes are going to freeze! (*grab toes*)

Jan E.V.W. Hanson

The North wind doth blow and we shall have snow,
And what will poor robin do then, poor thing?
He'll sit in a barn and keep himself warm
and hide his head under his wing, poor thing.

Mother Goose



Every Child Ready to Read; Writing



Writing involves recognizing shapes and letters, small motor coordination and then the combination of the two. Scribbles are the 1st stage of writing. Writing helps fine motor skills and eye

/ hand coordination to develop. Good writing skills are directly related to good reading skills.

Writing and pre-literacy at home:

- Magnetic letters and numbers turn a refrigerator into a writing tablet; magnetic paint can do the same for a wall!
- Young children enjoy scribbling and drawing in many ways; crayons, pencils, markers, paint, glue, a craft stick in playdough, a cotton swab and water, stamping, tracing in sand, collages of letters cut from old magazines.
- To work on fine motor skills try working with buttons & lacing, using tweezers, bottle lids, holepunches, playing with playdoh, large beads or Legos, and using scissors.
- Make books, paper plate faces, postcards, tissue box mailboxes, pretend menus and grocery lists.

Snow Cloud Activities (without snow!)

- Empty a can of shaving cream and have fun sensory play! Clean up is extra easy if you use the inside of your dishwasher door as a table!
- Make a snow globe with an empty jar, water, glue and a few waterproof bits. (small plastic, ceramic, etc.) Glue the objects onto the inside of the lid, add water and glitter to the jar, and screw the lid on tight. For the version in the picture, cut out a photo of your child and laminate it. (the Library will laminate something the size of a library card for 25 cents!)

