

Preschool Lesson Plan Emergent Topics: Ice & Snow/Arctic Animals/Winter Birds

Domains & Activities	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL (Morning Group) <i>Feelings check-in, interest discussion</i>	Feelings check-in: How do you feel today? Point to the picture or share your feelings.	Feelings check-in: How do you feel today? Point to the picture or share your feelings.	Feelings check-in: How do you feel today? Point to the picture or share your feelings.	Feelings check-in: How do you feel today? Point to the picture or share your feelings.	Feelings check-in: How do you feel today? Point to the picture or share your feelings.
APPROACHES TO LEARNING: <i>Expressing ideas, critical thinking, and applying learning</i>	KWL: What do you know about melting and freezing	What do you wonder about melting and freezing?			KWL: Name one thing you learned about melting and freezing
LANGUAGE, LITERACY & COMMUNICATION <i>(Emergent reading/writing, vocab)</i>	Letter sounds alphabet song	Identifying letters Nn and Dd	Letter recognition – seek and find alphabet <i>*Sit one on one with _____ to practice letter recognition.</i>	Recognizing and organizing the letters in first names	Emergent reading - My Big World Magazine
THE ARTS: <i>(painting, drawing, making music, dancing, pretend play, photography, etc.)</i>	Loose parts art landscape design: polar bears, snowflakes, mirror blocks, white felt		Color, cut and paste: Design your own hat and mittens	Painting: Winter sky salt and water color	
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT & MOVEMENT: <i>(gross and fine motor)</i>	Fine motor beads and lacing: Frozen ice fairies	Gross motor: Move like a snowflake – twirl, float, spin, melt	Gross motor: Freeze Dance	Gross motor: Snowball Toss (cotton balls and painter’s tape web)	Fine Motor cut and paste: Snip Snap Soup
SCIENTIFIC THINKING: <i>(Nature and discovery)</i>	Melting – what makes ice melt? (salt, sun, warmth): Making ice castles	Discovery: observing the winter birds that visit our feeder	Identifying species – pictures from the feeder	Arctic animals – who grows up in the snow? Beluga, Narwhal, Seal, Polar Bear	What makes ice freeze? (Temperature watch. Freezing is 32F.) Ice castles part 2
MATH COGNITIVE <i>(Numbers, patterns, measurement)</i>	Sequencing – putting on winter outerwear	Measuring the night’s snowfall	Weather Patterns: What comes next?		Matching pairs of mittens
SOCIAL SYSTEMS COGNITIVE: <i>(Culture, community, & belonging, time, expectations/rules, culture)</i>	Recalling events in time – share what you did on the weekend	Classroom rules and expectations: What are they for and why do they help us?	Days of the week – identifying yesterday, today, tomorrow	Developing responsibility for the environment– daily clean up routine	Taking Turns – Identifying individual needs and wants. Who is next?

Notes: Book List – Clap Your Paws, Footprints in the Snow, Baby Beluga, Alaska’s 3 Bears, Snowmen at Work, Snow, Tracks in the Snow, Why Grows Up in the Snow, Copy Me, Copycub
Dramatic Play Props – New Baby Play items (receiving blankets, baby clothes, baby carriers, changing pads/mats)