

Winter

2 cubes of cheese
2 pieces of wood
Chart paper and marker

Materials

Warming tray
12 foil baking cups
2 ice cubes
2 peeled crayons
2 paper clips
2 tortilla chips

What to do

1. Turn on the warming tray and warn the children that it will get hot. Supervise closely.
2. Hold up each item and have the children predict whether or not the object will melt. Record their predictions on chart paper.
3. Have children place one of each item in the foil muffin cups.
4. Place one set of items on a nearby counter or table and the other on the warming tray. For example, one ice cube would be placed on the table and one on the tray.
5. Have the children observe the two sets to see which ones melt and which don't. Discuss their observations.

More to do

Art: Using aluminum foil, do crayon melting on the warming tray.

Cooking: Make nachos or melt chocolate.

Related books

Frosty the Snowman, many versions available

Snow by Kathleen Todd

Snow and Ice by Stephen Krensky

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

■ Linda Ford, Sacramento, CA

Sparkling Suzie Snowflake

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Science skills

Children learn about the properties of a snowflake and then use fine motor skills to cut one from paper.

Materials

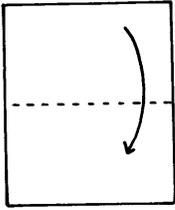
White tissue paper
White glue
White crystal glitter

Safety scissors
Blue construction paper

What to do

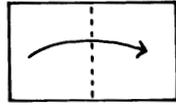
1. In advance, cut out 6" (15 cm) squares of white tissue papers, one per child or let the children help cut them out.

1.



Fold paper in half.

2.



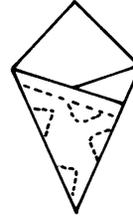
Fold in half again.

3.



Fold into thirds.

4.



Cut top off at slant.
Cut notches from all three sides.

2. Talk to the children about snowflakes and how they are formed. Explain that all snowflakes have six points but every design is different. Say that today they are going to make and decorate their own snowflakes.
3. Give the children the squares and show them how to make the following folds: fold it in half, then in half again, then in thirds. It will end up looking like an ice cream cone.
4. Help the children use safety scissors to cut off the top of their folded square with a slight slant, then cut out notches on all three sides.
5. Then the children can open the square and see the beautiful snowflake. Glue to the blue construction paper and decorate with glitter.

More to do

Art: Make a giant snowflake using the same folding and cutting procedure. Laminate with contact paper or cold laminating plastic. They should be large enough for children to hold and see the through center cuts, to pretend they are snowflakes.

Original songs

Sing to the tune of "Frère Jacques."

I'm a Snowflake

I'm a snowflake, I'm a snowflake.

(one child sings)

Yes, I am. Yes, I am.

(Child's name) is a snowflake. (class sings)

Yes he (she) is! Yes, he (she) is!

Suzie Snowflake

Suzie Snowflake, Suzie Snowflake

Floating down, floating down

You don't make any sound,

Twirling, twirling round and round.

Suzie Snowflake, Suzie Snowflake!

Suzie Snowflake, Suzie Snowflake

Wild and free, wild and free

Won't you come and dance with me?

Winter

*Just don't get caught up in a tree!
Suzie Snowflake, Suzie Snowflake!*

*Suzie Snowflake, Suzie Snowflake
Soft and white, soft and white
You're so pretty in snow lace.
I think I can see your face.
Suzie Snowflake, Suzie Snowflake!*

Related books

My Big Book of the Seasons by Eloise Wilkins

Sing a Song All Year Long by Connie Walters and Diane Trotten (songbook)

Snow by Roy McKie

White Snow, Bright Snow by Alvin Tresselt

Why Does It Snow? by Chris Arvetis

■ Mary Brehm, Aurora, OH



**Glue to construction paper
and decorate.**