

Winter Stories in the Garden Suggestions

Tremendous Trees

Below is the **suggested** outline for the Winter story times.

- Read several of the books in the bin.
- Go on a short walk around the garden or pond and look for water in various forms and signs of animal life that have remained around for the winter. Discuss how the animals use the trees and that the trees are not dead. Maybe look at some buds to illustrate.
- Have the students collect at least 2 small twigs for their melted snowman on their hike.
- Craft – Have the students make a melted snowman. Read the Snowman poem and talk about what happens to a snowman when it gets warm. Give each student a ½ a ball and a piece of paper. Have them write their name on the paper and then glue the ball to the other side. They can then put a face and arms on it by pushing items into the ball. They can pick a color for their scarf and glue it on as well. They can decorate the white paper which represents the puddle with markers if they like.



The Snowman

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Once there was a snowman
Stood outside the door
Thought he'd like to come inside
And play about the floor.
Thought he'd like to warm
himself by the firelight red.
Thought he'd like to jump inside
A nice warm bed.

So he called the North Wind
"Help me now I pray!
I'm completely frozen
Standing here all day!"
So the North Wind came along
And blew him in the door.
Now there's nothing left of him
But a puddle on the floor.

