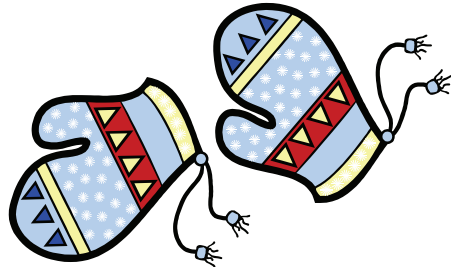


Let's Talk About **The Mitten**

The Mitten is a folk tale. The mitten becomes filled with animals who are seeking a warm home. It is a cumulative tale. It is fun to try to remember the whole list of animals each time a new animal comes to live in the mitten.



Look carefully at the pictures in this book. On the side of each page is a picture, shaped like a mitten. The mitten pictures show what will to happen next.



As you read the book, ask your child to look at the pictures and then tell you what he or she thinks is going to happen next.

Let's Play With Rhymes

Little Mouse



See the little mouse
creeping up the stair.

Creep finger of one hand up other arm.

Looking for a warm nest. There. Oh, there!

Snuggle fingers into crease of elbow.

Snowflakes

Tune:

"Mary Had a Little Lamb".



Snowflakes whirling all around,
All around, all around,
Snowflakes whirling all around,
Until they cover all the ground.

Foxes in Their Den

1,2,3,4,5 in a row

The foxes in their den.



Sitting right beside them
Are 7, 8, 9 and 10!



Note to Parents & Caregivers

By encouraging your child to answer questions about the story as you read aloud, you are helping your child to learn how to think about what is being read and therefore, to better understand what is happening.

Ask simple questions about the story as you read to your child.

Let's Create

Small Things in Big Things

Choose something slightly stretchy — like a woolen hat or mitten. Gather some small items or toys together.

Ask your child to guess how many of these things might fit in the hat or mitten. Then, start putting them in to see how close your child's was to the right number.



Let's Be Together

Children like to be close with you. Get a little blanket or towel and curl up with your child.



Together, gather up toys and stuffed animals and see how many can fit under the blanket with you.

Show her how to share the blanket with a brother or sister, or a friend.

Your child can help you go through old mittens that are too small.

You can hide the mittens in places where they blend in and have your child find them.



Playing simple games with your child makes him feel special.



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