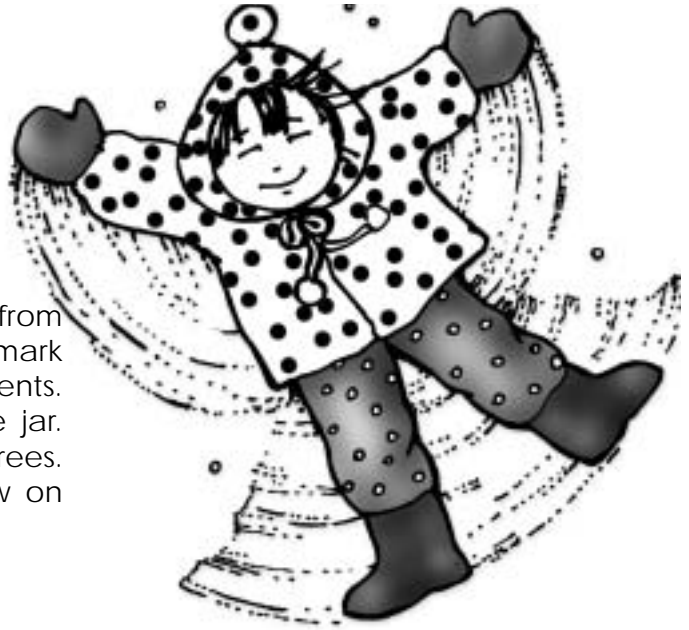


## Make a Snow Gauge

### You Will Need:

- a wide-mouth jar
- a length of masking tape
- a pen or marker
- a ruler
- Snow Watch Activity Sheet

Cut a length of masking tape that will extend from the bottom of the jar to the top. Using a ruler, mark the masking tape into quarter-inch increments. Attach the masking tape to the side of the jar. Place the jar outside away from buildings or trees. After a snowfall, record the amount of snow on your Snow Watch Sheet.



## Outdoor Fun

Find pictures of outdoor winter activities such as sledding, tobogganing, skating, skiing, or just enjoying the snow on a walk. Have a discussion with your students asking these questions.

1. What is happening in each picture?
2. What clothing is worn for each activity? What equipment is used?
3. How many people participate in each activity?
4. What part of the body is most important in performing each activity?
5. Which activities require skill and practice?
6. Who in this class has participated in any of these winter activities?

## Ice

Experiment with ice cubes. Examples are: Place one cube beside another cube. Place it on the floor. Lay it on an open hand. Hold it in a hand covered with mittens. Place in your mouth and chew it. Place it on a plate and sprinkle salt over it. Place it in a cup of hot water. Have a discussion with your class:

The solid form of water is ice.

Which ice cube melted first? Why?

How is ice melted when it forms on sidewalks and streets?

Is water that comes from a faucet always a liquid? Would ice ever come from a faucet?

How does ice feel in your hand? What about when you're wearing a mitten.

Which is colder?



## Stop and Tell

Teacher begins telling a story about winter and stops in the middle. The students take turns telling the rest of the story or each child can write the ending on paper. For example, "One day it was snowing. The children put on their winter clothes and went out to play. All of a sudden. . ."