



## Activities for Young Learners

As you work your way through the gameboard, have fun with your child while helping them with their early literacy skills. You may modify activities to fit your child's interests or skill level. Your child loves hearing your voice, so even if you aren't the best singer in the world, sing loud and proud. If you're unfamiliar with a song, ask a youth services staff member for help.

- ❁ Teach your child the song "I'm a Little Snowman" to the tune of "I'm a little Tea Pot". Act it out and have fun!

### "I'm a Little Snowman"

I'm a little snowman, short and fat.  
Here are my buttons, here is my hat.  
When the sun comes out, I can't play.  
I just slowly melt away!

- ❁ Teach your child the song "The Mittens on my Hands" to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus". Add your own actions and movements to the song.

### "The Mittens on My Hands"

The mittens on my hands  
Keep me warm, keep me warm, keep me warm,  
The mittens on my hands  
Keep me warm, all winter long!  
Try: Boots on my feet, Scarf around my neck,  
Snow pants on my legs, or make up your own verse!

- ❁ Use the tune of a familiar song to make up a song about the winter. Example: Use the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb", and change the words to "Mary had a great big sled." Help your child get creative!

- ❁ Build a snowman using objects in the library or at your house; blocks, puzzle pieces, books, or anything you can find! Discuss the different parts that make a snowman with your child.

- ❁ Pick a book and talk about it while you are reading. You can talk about the pictures, what will happen next, or what the characters are doing. This conversation will help your child understand the story better.

- ❁ Teach your child the rhyme "The Chubby Little Snowman" below. Act it out, point to body parts, and have fun!

### "The Chubby Little Snowman"

A chubby little snowman  
had a carrot nose.  
Along came a bunny  
and what do you suppose?  
That hungry little rabbit,  
looking for his lunch,  
ate that little snowman's nose  
Nibble, Nibble, CRUNCH!

- ❁ Teach your child the rhyme "Snowflakes, Snowflakes" to the rhyme of "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear". Act it out and have fun! For an extra challenge, have your child help make up additional lines and rhymes.

### "Snowflakes, Snowflakes"

Snowflakes, Snowflakes dance around.  
Snowflakes, Snowflakes touch the ground.  
Snowflakes, Snowflakes land on my nose.  
Snowflakes, Snowflakes freeze my toes.  
Snowflakes, Snowflakes in the air.  
Snowflakes, Snowflakes everywhere!