

# Books by the Bushel

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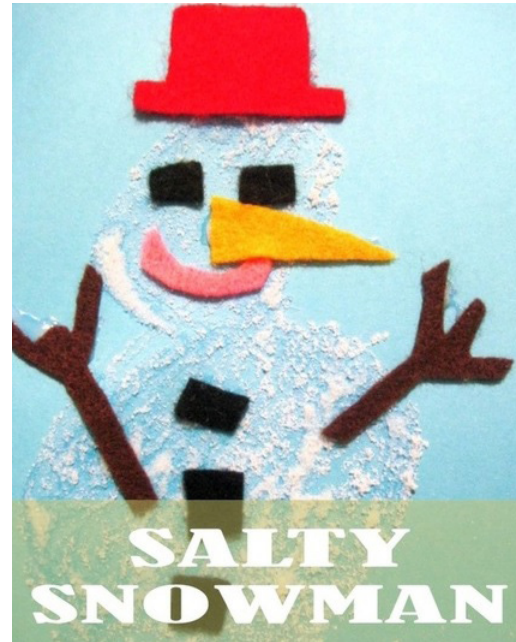
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2 Make a salt snowman (see instructions)	3 While making dinner ask your child to sort the pots and pans by size or shape.	4 National Spaghetti Day	5 Ask "what if" questions. "What would happen if we didn't shovel the snow?"	6 Cuddle Up Day
7 Go for a winter walk. What do you see? Are there any animals?	8 Bubble Bath Day	9 Place your feet on two paper plates and "ice skate" around the room	10 Pick a story with repeated phrases. For example: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see?	11 Step in a Puddle and Splash Your Friend's Day	12 Tell your child stories about your parents or grandparents.	13 Practice writing letters in shaving cream "snow"
14 Dress Up Your Pet Day	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Appreciate a Dragon Day	17 Read a fairy tale today and have your child draw a picture of the main character.	18 Winnie The Pooh Day	19 National Popcorn Day	20 National Cheese Lover Day
21 National Hugging Day	22 Make a bookmark today using cardboard or construction paper. Draw your favorite book on one side.	23 Measure Your Feet Day	24 Compliment Day	25 Opposite Day	26 Make a Snowman Snow-globe (See instructions)	27 Chocolate Cake Day
28 National Kazoo Day	29 National Puzzle Day	30 Read a story to your child. When you are close to the end, stop reading and ask your child to finish the story.	31 Backward Day			



# Salty Snowman

## You will need:

- \* Blue Paper
- \* school glue and a brush
- \* Salt
- \* Pieces of scrap fabric



First, be sure to place everything on a tray! That way you will have less salt all over working area and floor! Then, let your child apply glue, with the paintbrush, in a shape of a snowman. Try to speed them up! They need to add salt all over the glued surface before it dries! Let salt stay for few minutes, then lift the card and shake the extra salt off. We used felt scraps to add eyes, nose, hands and hat but you can use number of other things if you don't have felt (pieces of fabric, old magazines, colored paper, old Christmas cards).

# Snowglobe Snowman

## You will need:

- \* Paperplate
- \* Orange and black construction paper
- \* 2 buttons
- \* Contact paper
- \* sparkles/glitter/ribbon
- \* Scissors
- \* Paint and paintbrush
- \* Tape
- \* Stapler

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Have your child paint the paper plate and let it dry. While they do that cut out the nose, a hat and some coal for the mouth, using the orange and black paper. Cut a rectangle of contact paper and fold in half. Make sure it's big enough to cover the hole you will be cutting in the paper plate. Peel back the contact paper backing and let your child shake the sparkles and glitter on it. Fold the contact paper so it sandwiches the sparkles and seals it. You may have to use some tape to make sure it's sealed and nothing falls out. Cut out the middle of the paper plate. Using the middle you just cut out, add glue for the mouth, nose and hat (for older children let them create their face). Add the face pieces and the button eyes. Attach the contact paper to the inside of the paper plate using tape. Staple the face to the belly. Add the ribbon as the scarf to cover the staples.

# Create a Hibernating Bear Den

Bears hibernate during winter cozying up in a den to sleep the cold months away. Your child can learn more about bears and hibernating by making his own creative and comfy den. He can use his finished den while pretending to hibernate through the long cold winter months!

You will need:

- \* A large box-about 3 feet by 3 feet
- \* Packing tape
- \* Paint/crayons



What you do:

Share a story with your child about bears and hibernation.. After reading about bears, discuss hibernation and see if he knows any other animals that hibernate during the winter months.

First, help your child seal the box with packing tape.

Invite your child to help create the den by painting/drawing on the outside of the big box. They can use a large paintbrush and brown paint to transform the box into a cave – encourage imagination!

While the box cave is drying look for pillows and cozy blankets to place inside the cave along with having a nice snack to help them stay full, just like a bear does before hibernating. Bears love to eat nuts and berries before their long sleep, so a bowl of mixed nuts and cut berries might be in order!

Help your child by cutting a large hole in the side of the box for them to use for getting in and out of their bear cave.

Now your child can find the perfect spot to position their cave for hibernating. Encourage them to curl up inside and see if they are ready to hibernate!

Did you know: Bears hibernate for up to 6 months of the year! While bears hibernate their heartbeat slows and their body temperature drops to 88 degrees. A bear's normal temperature is the same as humans: 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit!