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- **A Tree For All Seasons**

Bring in a large branch. Place it in a coffee can filled with sand. In the fall, make colored leaves to hang on the branches. In the winter, hang paper snowflakes or holiday items on the tree. You can hang other seasonal items, such as pumpkins, mittens, and flowering blossoms, from the tree branch as well. Be sure your choices are realistic for the season in your region.

- **Snow Pants:** Sing: (tune of Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush)
This is the way we put on snow pants, (Put on snow pants.)
Put on snow pants, put on snow pants.
This is the way we put on snow pants,
All on a snowy morning.



This is the way we put on our boots... (Put on boots.)
This is the way we put on our coat... (Put on coat.)
This is the way we put on our scarf... (Put on scarf.)
This is the way we put on our hat... (Put on hat.)
This is the way we put on our mittens... (Put on mittens.)

Activity: Dress the paper doll. Put the child on the felt board. Have the snow clothes on the floor for everyone to see. Talk about getting dressed for winter play. As you talk about the different articles of clothing have your child help you dress the felt child. After he is all dressed, undress him in the order in which children would take off their snow clothes. Have the children call out the names of the clothing as you do. Encourage your child to pretend to put on his/her snow clothes. Don't forget to sing "Snow Pants".

- **Matching Mittens**

Cut out mitten shapes out of construction paper. Choose two different colored mittens and decorate one side of each mitten so they match. After making many pairs, put the mittens face down so the children to play a memory game with the mittens. Each child will choose two mittens and look to see if they match. If they do, the child can take another turn. If they don't, the child will put the mittens back where they found them and the next child takes a turn. Whoever finds the most pairs of mittens wins!



Other Books for Children

The Jacket I Wear in the Snow by Shirley Neitzel

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

What Will the Weather Be Like Today? by Paul Rogers

Don't forget to visit your local library!!!

