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Discuss with your children the similarities and differences in size, shape, and color of each character. Ask your child if they know where animals really go for warmth in the winter. Do any of these animals sleep all winter? Asking your child open-ended questions will bring about more questions and discussion.

• **Mitten and Snowball Biscuits**

These savory treats, perfect for dunking in chicken soup, can be made in addition to re-reading *The Mitten* with Puppet Play.

What you need:

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 6 tbsp. unsalted butter or margarine
- ½ cup whole-wheat flour
- 1 cup plus 1 to 2 tbsp. milk
- 2 tsp. cream of tarter
- Poppy seeds, sesame seeds, or savory herbs
- 1 tsp. baking soda



Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. In a large bowl, mix the flours, cream of tarter and baking soda. With a pastry fork, cut in the butter until crumbly. Add enough milk to form a soft dough. Knead 5 times, and then roll it out, ½ inch thick, on a floured surface. By hand, cut out the biscuits in mitten and snowball shapes and place on ungreased cookie sheets. (If you have animal cookie cutters you can use those too!) Use a pastry brush to glaze the biscuits with milk. You can leave them plain or sprinkle them with poppy seeds, sesame seeds or herbs. Bake for 10 to 13 minutes, and then cool on a rack. Makes approximately 18 biscuits, depending on size.

**Other Books for Children**

*The Hat* by Jan Brett

*What Will The Weather Be Like Today* by Paul Rogers

*The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats

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