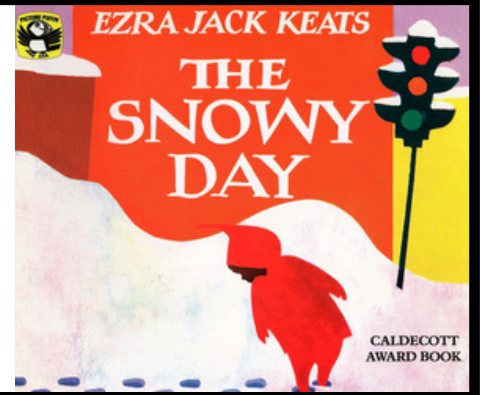


The Snowy Day

By Ezra Jack Keats



Before Reading: Get Ready

Review the book synopsis with the student to confirm interest in reading the book. Share the title, author, and illustrator. Talk about the cover.

Activate comprehension and set a purpose for reading. Today, we are going to read about a boy named Peter who has a lot of fun outside on a snowy day! (Note: If your child has seen or played in snow, talk to your child about their experiences in the snow). Peter also learns what happens when you bring snow inside to a warm place! Let's read to see what Peter does and what happens to the snowball he brings inside his house. Are you ready to help me read? (Note: Encourage your child to "pretend read" the book with you! "Pretend reading" is the first stage of reading and builds your child's language development and early reading skills!).

During Reading: Read Together

Sit side-by-side to share the book, or have your child sit on your lap while you read to them. Read the book in an excited voice and encourage your child to "read" with you. Touch under each word as you read aloud to help your child match spoken words with print. If your child comments on a page or asks questions about the book, please pause and briefly discuss before returning to reading to help your child engage in the reading.

Before reading, ask your child: "What do you think Peter is going to do on this snowy day? What would you want to do on a snowy day?"

- **Begin reading.** Talk with your child about all of the things Peter is doing on the snow and ask your child if they would like to do some of those things!
- **On the page where Peter goes back inside after playing in the snow,** ask your child, "What do you think is going to happen to the snowball when it is inside the warm house?" Explain to your child how snow melts if they do not already know this information.

- **After you finish reading the book**, ask your child what they think Peter will do now in the snow and what your child would like to do on a snowy day!

After Reading: Discuss and Extend

Ask your child whether they liked the book. Ask your child whether they want you to read the book with them again! Encourage your child to “read” the book with you when you read it again.

After reading the book, you and your child could:

- Go to the library to find other books by author Ezra Jack Keats!
- Have your child draw a picture of what they would like to do on a snowy day. After drawing, have your child tell you about their picture.
- Ask your child to finish this sentence: On a snowy day, I would like to _____. Write down what they say and read this sentence together.
- Pretend you are making “snow angels” by lying down on the floor together and moving your arms and legs (go back to the picture in the book when Peter is making snow angels to show your child what to do).

NOTE: Videos for parents can be accessed on the LEAP website: <https://leap.cehd.gmu.edu/parent-and-family-resources/>