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Marshmallow Snowmen



BIG QUESTION

What's something small you can do to make someone else's Christmas special?

MOVIE TIME (5 min)

Say: **You'll be getting to make a treat with marshmallows today. Let's learn more about where marshmallows came from and how they're made.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2cJmNIEb6k>

STORY TIME (15 min)

READ ALOUD CONTEST STORIES

Say: **For those of you who have not had a chance to share your story, and would like to, we invite you to come up to read your story aloud to your classmates!**

STEM TIME

(30 min)

Materials:

- Paper towels
- Markers
- Optional:
Permanent marker
- Pippi pipettes
- Cups of water

**STEM TIME**

(30 min)

Materials:

- Hot chocolate
- Water
- Cups
- Hot water
- Large marshmallows (16 oz bag for 20 students)
- Stick pretzels
- M&M's or Skittles
- Optional: Icing

**MAGIC PAPER TOWEL CHRISTMAS TREE****Instructions:**

1. Set up a work area with white paper towels, washable markers, permanent markers, cups of water, and pipettes.
2. Take one paper towel and color a Christmas tree, ornament, candy cane, or any festive design using washable markers.
3. Place a second white paper towel directly on top of the colored one.
4. Outline your design on the second paper towel using a permanent marker. This will help make the design stand out once you add water.
5. Using Pippi pipette, carefully drop small amounts of water onto the paper towels. Watch as the water moves the colors from the bottom layer up through the top layer, making your design come to life!
6. Observe how the colors spread and blend, creating a beautiful, magical effect.

HOT COCOA AND MARSHMALLOW SNOWMEN**Instructions:**

1. Either make individual packets of hot cocoa for each student, or make a large batch of hot cocoa in a crockpot and keep it warm.
2. Set up a station with all the supplies for making the marshmallow snowmen (marshmallows, pretzels, candies, and icing). Each student will need 3 large marshmallows, pretzels, icing and candy for decoration.
3. Start by stacking the 3 large marshmallows on top of each other to form the snowman's body. Use pretzels to connect the marshmallows, placing a pretzel between each one. Use pretzels to create arms and legs for your snowman.
4. Use the icing to draw facial features like eyes, a mouth, and buttons. If you have a small candy nose like an M&M or Skittle, attach it with a little icing.
5. Once the snowmen are finished, pour hot cocoa into the students' cups. Add a little water if the cocoa is too hot. Enjoy the marshmallow snowmen with the hot cocoa.

GAME TIME

(30 min)

Materials:

- 1 bucket or container per team
- 3 balls, beanbags, or tightly wadded pieces of paper per player

SNOWBALL CATCH

Instructions:

1. Separate the students into two or more teams, and have the teams line up in a row.
2. Place a bucket or container in front of each team to serve as the catcher's target, and give each player 3 balls (or beanbags/paper pieces).
3. Each team will choose one player to be the catcher. The catcher will stand about 10 feet in front of their team, holding the bucket or container.
4. The first person in line for each team will toss their 3 balls towards the catcher.
5. The catcher can't move their feet, but they can move their arms to try to catch the balls.
6. The balls that land on the ground stay there, and cannot be caught.
7. Once a player has thrown all 3 balls, they move to the end of their team's line. The next player in line will then throw their balls.
8. After every player has thrown their balls, the catchers count how many they caught. The team that catches the most balls wins the game.