



# DECEMBER

## 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:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Tape



#### CHRISTMAS CHAIN CHALLENGE

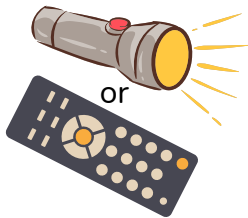
1. Students will work in small groups or with a partner to create the longest Christmas paper chain.
2. Each team will receive: 1 piece of construction paper (red, green, or yellow), scissors, tape
3. Teams have 20 minutes to come up with a strategy for cutting their paper into strips and assembling their chain.
4. Use the scissors to cut the construction paper into even strips. Each strip will be linked together to form the paper chain.
5. After cutting the paper, tape the ends of each strip together to form a chain. Keep adding strips until time is up!
6. Once the time is up, measure your chain and lay it next to the other teams' chains to see whose is the longest!
7. The team with the longest paper chain is the winner of the challenge. Congratulate everyone for their great teamwork.

**STEM TIME**

(60 min)

**Materials:**

- Edison robots
- Flashlight or remote
- Barcodes or mats
- Wooden blocks
- Lego's

**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

**LET'S BUILD A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS TOWN!****Set up:**

1. Lay out on trays, Lego's, Why Bricks and lots of wooden blocks.
2. Students will need their robots, tv remote controls or flashlights.
3. Christmas music to play in the background

**Instructions:**

1. First, get the students excited for today's challenge! Say: **Who's ready to build our very own Christmas town?**
2. Each student will build a home/building or object that will contribute to the town made ideally from blocks so that the robots can drive through the houses or bridges that the students make. They will get very creative if they have a lot of supplies so give them legos as well.
3. Clear a large area in the room to build the town. Remind the students that they might need trees, mailboxes, bridges. They could even make Santa's workshop in the town that the robots can help deliver gifts in.
4. Each student will code their robots to the remotes or lights so they can drive around and interact with the wooden town.
5. Encourage them to get creative and have fun! Compliment their creations!

**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

(60 min)

### Materials:

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

### Materials:

- Whiteboard
- Markers
- List of scrambled Christmas words

## SNOWBALL CATCH

1. Separate the students into two, 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.
4. Each team's first person in line will toss 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.

## CHRISTMAS WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the Christmas-related words!

1. Write the following Christmas words on the board, scrambled for the students to solve together:

- gnikcots (Stocking)
- dlanec (Candle)
- tnesper (Present)
- okfnesal (Snowflake)
- atnsa (Santa)
- edeenrir (Reindeer)
- milyfa (Family)
- yadc neac (Candy cane)
- sllleb (Bells)
- tsar (Star)
- nidgerbaer nam (Gingerbread man)
- ornmaetns (Ornaments)
- tsilg (Lights)
- ealpirfce (Fireplace)
- tsirhcams teer (Christmas tree)
- lgnA (Angel)
- owB (Bow)
- laoc (Coal)
- hcgnirC (Grinch)
- toh ocoltahc (Hot chocolate)