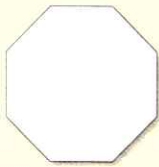


### Themes

Riding Around  
Sparkles and Shivers

### Shapes and Colors



### Numbers

11, 12

### Letters

Mm, Nn, Oo

### Alphabet Words

mouse, mushrooms,  
marbles, milk,  
nails, nurse,  
needle, necktie,  
olives, otter,  
octopus, owl

### Character Card

I am inventive.



### Activities for Home

- Look around your home and yard for wheels. Point out the wheels on your vehicles, furniture, wheelbarrow, lawn mower, stroller, bicycles, riding toys, roller blades, and other places. Ask your child, "Could you use the item if it did not have wheels? Would it still be helpful?"
- Play "Red Light, Green Light" with your child. Keep it simple if your child is younger. Hold your child's hand and run together when you say, "green light." Stop together when you say, "red light." After awhile, invite your child to call the directions for you to follow together.
- Plan to spend some time outdoors with your child doing snow-related activities such as ice skating, sledding, or making snow people. If it's too warm for snow in your area, spend an afternoon doing outdoor seasonal activities that relate to your climate, or go to a local indoor ice rink!
- Reinforce the letter O by practicing the opposites "on" and "off." Turn items on and off and have your child say the appropriate word. Try turning lights, a flashlight, music, or a faucet on and off. If your child is interested, extend the activity by practicing positional on and off (on and off of a chair, take a shoe on and off, place a cup on a table, etc.).

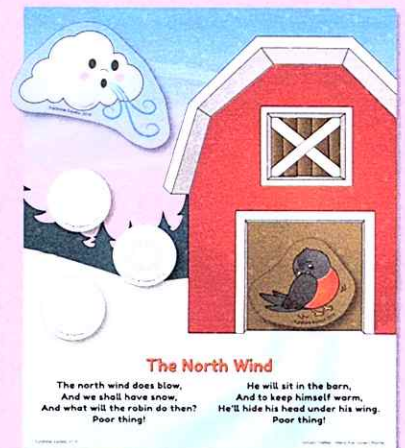
### Nursery Rhymes

*A nursery rhyme is included in each monthly curriculum. Listening to nursery rhymes can help children identify rhyming text, decode sounds, recognize syllables, and hear sentence rhythm.*

#### The North Wind

The north wind does blow,  
And we shall have snow,  
And what will the robin do then?  
Poor thing!

He will sit in a barn,  
And to keep himself warm,  
He'll hide his head under his wing.  
Poor thing!



## Look for Books

The best way to learn which books your child enjoys is to read children's books—lots of them! Check out **funshineextras.com** for Book Lists corresponding to each month's themes. Get to know your local librarians and ask for their recommendations as well.

### **Big Book of Cars**

by Trevor Lord

### **The Rusty, Trusty Tractor**

by Joy Cowley

### **Wheels!**

by Annie Cobb

### **Cars and Trucks and Things That Go**

by Richard Scarry

### **Stella, Queen of the Snow**

by Marie-Louise Gay

### **The Tiny Snowflake**

by Art Ginolfi

### **The Snowy Day**

by Ezra Jack Keats

### **Snowballs**

by Lois Ehlert

## Cooking Together

*When cooking with young children, allow them to help in a safe way with mixing, pouring, rolling, mashing, shaking, etc. Use words to describe what you are doing and what you plan to do next. Talk about what you see, smell, feel, hear, and taste.*

### Cabin Fever Cookies

3 cups quick-cooking oats

1 1/2 cups brown sugar

1 1/2 cups flour

1 1/2 cups butter

1 1/2 tsp. baking powder



Do you live in an area that limits outdoor time in the winter? If so, try these tasty cookies! Dump all of the ingredients into a large bowl and invite your child to release some excess energy by pounding, punching, and kneading the batter. The longer and harder the dough is mixed, the better the cookies will taste! Roll the dough into small balls and place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 10 to 12 minutes.

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## Sing Along with Me

Find these songs at [www.funshineexpress.com](http://www.funshineexpress.com)

### Sledding We Will Go

Sung to "The Farmer in the Dell"

A-sledding we will go,

A-sledding we will go,

Across the ice and through the snow,

A-sledding we will go!



The dogs will pull our sleigh,

The dogs will pull our sleigh,

Across the ice and through the snow,

The dogs will pull our sleigh!

### Zoom

Sung to "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

Zoom, zoom, zoom your car,

Up and down the road!

Zoom, zoom, zoom your car,

On a trip we'll go!



Chug, chug, chug along,

Down the railroad tracks!

Chug, chug, chug along,

The caboose is on the back!



Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh away,

Across the bright blue sky!

Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh away,

How I love to fly!

Splash, splash, splash around,

In the giant sea!

Splash, splash, splash around,

Splash around with me.

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