

# Read It Once Again

## Winter 2009 Newsletter

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### Giggle Box A Winter Poem

I made myself a snowball,  
As perfect as could be.  
I kept it as a pet,  
And let it sleep with me.

I made it some pajamas,  
And a pillow for its head.  
Then last night it ran away,  
But first... it wet the bed!



How do snowmen travel  
around? (by icicle)

Where do snowmen go to  
dance? (at snowballs)

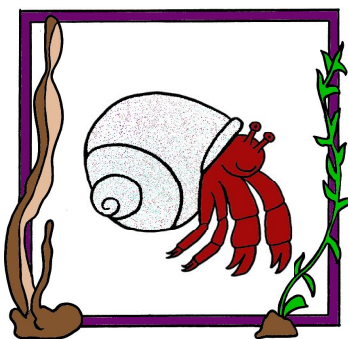
What do you get if you cross  
a snowman and a shark?  
(frost bite)

### Introducing Our Newest Unit!

Based on the storybook

## A House for Hermit Crab

By Eric Carle



Here are just a few of the concepts  
covered in this new unit:

- Introduces ocean animals and sea creatures
- Teaches the months of the year
- Helps children to transition to new life experiences
- Promotes family and friendship values
- Introduces community and family responsibilities
- Reinforces story sequencing skills
- Unit is appropriate any time of the year

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### Why should I provide my students with a copy of the storybook at the end of each unit?



- Giving a book at the end of each unit will create a library of favorite and familiar books that stay in the home to be read over and over again.
- Language and literacy concepts that you introduced in your classroom will now be reinforced in the home.
- The desire to read at home will be initiated by the child. "Mama, let's read my book just like we did at school!"

### Teacher Tip:

- Before sending the book home, print the child's name, date, and name of your school inside the front cover of each book.

### How do I get affordable copies of the storybooks?

- Scholastic Literacy Partners Program will provide books at a 43% discount if you GIVE books to children.
- Storybooks are ordered directly from Scholastic Literacy Partners division. Call 1-800-387-1437 extension 207 to reach Linda Clemment our *Read It Once Again* representative at Scholastic Literacy Partners Program. I identify yourself as a *Read It Once Again* curriculum user. Reference account number **LP1984**.



## Winter Science for the Classroom

### Icy Colors

Children will love watching how salt will dissolve ice while creating a colorful design.

#### Materials:

- Large ice blocks (frozen in cardboard milk cartons)
- Course salt
- Food Coloring
- Eye dropper

#### Procedure:

- Remove ice blocks from milk cartons and place on tray.
- Have children sprinkle coarse salt on top of ice blocks.
- Use eye dropper to drip various colors on top of ice.
- Tunnels of color are created as the salt melts the ice.
- Observe colors as they blend while the ice is melting.



## Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

### Snowflake Cookies

#### Materials:

- Small round doilies
- Paper plate
- Salt shaker filled with powdered sugar

#### Ingredients:

- Graham cracker
- Powered sugar

#### Directions:

Place a small doily on top of a graham cracker. Shake powdered sugar over doily. Gently lift the doily to see the snowflake design. Eat and enjoy!

## Busy Fingers

### Snowy Crystal Creations

#### Materials:

- Epsom salts
- Primary paintbrushes
- Hot plate or microwave
- Black construction paper

#### Instructions:

Measure equal amounts of Epsom salts and water. Heat water until it boils. Slowly add salt, stir until dissolved. Give each child a small cup of salt solution, black paper and paintbrush. Encourage children to paint designs using this solution. Allow the children to discover the snowy crystals that form as the solution begins to dry.



## Are You Looking for In-service Training?

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## Therapy Corner

### Encourage Therapy in Your Classroom

Speech, occupational and physical therapists bring a wealth of information into your classroom. You can take advantage of this specialized knowledge by inviting therapists to provide therapy for children within your classroom setting. Read It Once Again curriculums make it easier for therapists and classroom teachers to share the same focus.

When specialized therapies are related to the theme of classroom activities, children make progress more quickly. Providing therapies in the classroom allows teachers and therapists to observe each other's techniques and share teaching strategies. This benefits teachers, therapists and most importantly your students!

Begin by presenting an overview of the Read It Once Again curriculum with your therapists.

Speech therapists will focus on activities found in the speech and language section.

Activities for physical and occupational therapists are found in the Motor section of each unit. Gross motor activities are grouped at the beginning; fine motor activities follow gross motor about midway through the section.

Please note that all of the domains in our units over-lap. Once your therapists are familiar with how our units are structured, encourage them to look through each domain for activities that are also appropriate in their areas of language, gross motor or fine motor. Language goals and objectives are present in most activities in all domains.

When teachers and therapist work closely together, student achievements will soar!

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