

UNIT OVERVIEW

“Winter Carnivals: Skates, Sleds And Lots Of Snow” is a two week language arts unit intended for use with Grade One/Two children who have begun to develop some reading and writing skills. It can be used to strengthen the children’s reading and writing skills. Throughout this unit, children are involved in activities that focus their attention on language and how it is used. They brainstorm, study words, alphabetize, rhyme, categorize words, work with synonyms, work with antonyms, read, answer questions in complete sentences, and complete writing activities. They are encouraged to use their knowledge of reading strategies to help them read the winter carnival fact cards.

A display of books about winter carnivals should be set up in the classroom. The books motivate the children and encourage them to read for enjoyment and for information. Children read these books in their spare time and during silent reading.

Section One: Lesson Plans

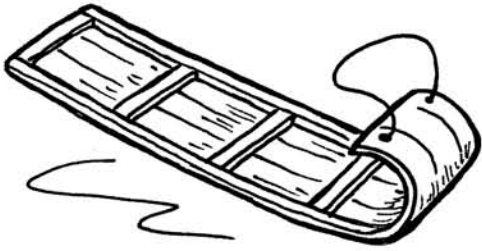
Section One contains two weeks of lesson plans. The lesson plans describe the different teaching strategies for using the activities in each day’s lesson. Each lesson includes a spelling activity, a brainstorming activity, a study of new words, work in the student booklet, a writing activity, work at the learning center, playing the synonym concentration game, playing the antonym concentration game, and a parent page.

Section Two: Student Booklets

Section Two includes a student booklet that is ready to be photocopied for student use. Every page includes four questions about one of the winter carnival fact cards that the children read in class. The children are encouraged to answer the questions in their student booklets using complete sentences.

Section Three: Parent Pages

Section Three includes ten parent pages. The children take home a parent page at the end of each day’s lesson. The parent pages reinforce what the children learn each day. They are meant to make the parents aware of what their children are learning in school and should only take five to ten minutes each evening to complete.



Sled Rides



1. How do children get to the top of the hill?

2. How do children get to the bottom of the hill?

3. Why do children need to wear helmets?

4. What is the opposite of 'pull'?

Sled Rides

Children go on sled rides at a winter carnival. They pull or carry their sleds to the top of the hill. They get on their sleds and ride down the hill. Children can go fast on their sleds. They need to hang on tightly so they don't fall off. Sometimes children wear helmets when they ride their sleds. They wear helmets so they don't get hurt when they fall off their sleds.

Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing is a fun winter carnival activity. Many children have never tried on snowshoes before they go to a winter carnival. They don't know how to walk with snowshoes on their feet. Children strap the snowshoes onto their boots. They walk on top of the snow when they wear snowshoes. They do not sink into the snow. It is hard to walk with snowshoes. It takes a lot of practice to learn how to walk with snowshoes on.

WEEK ONE – DAY TWO

Dear Parents: This worksheet reviews the sounds and concepts your child learned at school today. Take five to ten minutes to complete the activities on this page with your child. The activities reinforce today's lessons. Depending on your child's present ability, you may want to do these activities orally or you may want your child to do some or all of the writing. Encourage your child to do as much writing as he/she is able to do on his/her own.

Think of three words that have the 'ar' sound in 'carnival'.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Put the following words into 'ABC' order:

winter carnival skate snow sled

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

contests water colours snow snowman

1. Snow sculpture _____ are at winter carnivals.
2. Children make different things out of _____.
3. Some children make a _____ or a bird.
4. Sometimes snow sculptures are made with different _____.
5. Coloured _____ is poured over the sculpture.