

Activity: Silly Snowmen

Target

Letter: Ss

Sound: /s/

Materials and Preparation

- Read *Snowmen at Night* or *Snowmen at Christmas* by Caralyn and Mark Buehner
- Snowmen (make with whatever materials are available)
- Sand or salt to be snow
- Put sand/salt in a 9x13 pan or something similar

Curriculum Connections

Early Kindergarten

- Letter Names
- Initial Sound Identification
- Letter-Sound Association

Activity Instructions

State the Target:

Explicitly state the target, “You will learn the /s/ sound. S says /s/.”

Model the Target:

Show the snowmen and snow to the children. Take a snowman and do all sorts of S actions with them in the snow (sand/salt). Say the S actions as you do them (e.g., slide, slip, skip, slither, stand, sit, sway, swim).

Provide Playful Practice:

- Have a sand/salt pan for each small group of children.
- Give children one snowman each.
- Have the children do S actions with their snowmen in the snow.
- The children should say the name of the action as they are doing it.

Review the Target and Monitor Progress:

- Discuss with the children which actions they did with their snowmen.
- Ask them to think of other things a snowman might do in the snow (things that start with /s/ such as: smile, sing, stop, swing, etc.).

Lesson Links

Sally’s Suitcase

Stone Soup

Home Connection Idea

Send home a snowman and have the child show their parent/guardian the different S actions it can do.

