

Kid's Korner

Winter 2011



8 Popsicle sticks
 Black and white paint
 Black permanent marker
 Glue
 Orange paper in the shape of long triangle
 Black buttons

- Glue 6 sticks together by laying them on a popsicle stick, and glue one near the top at an angle
- Paint the top black and the bottom white, let dry
- Glue buttons, nose, and draw a mouth

Snowman Song:
 (Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little snowman,
 round and fat.
 Here are my mittens,
 Here is my hat.

When the sun comes out
 I melt away.
 See you next year
 On a snowy day.
 ~ Author Unknown

Mitten Sun Catcher



What you need:

Clear adhesive paper, such as Contact Paper
 Light blue construction paper
 Tissue paper: light blue, blue and lavender
 Scissors
 Silver ribbon
 White craft glue

1. Draw a simple pattern for a mitten. Cut out two mittens from light blue construction paper. Cut the centers of both mittens out as well, be sure there is a border that remains all the way around the mitten.
2. Cut tissue paper into small squares, similar to confetti.
3. Carefully peel off the back from a section of the clear adhesive paper, only removing enough to cover one side of the mitten.
4. Place one of the mittens onto the clear adhesive paper, lining up the top of the mitten with the top of the clear adhesive paper.
5. Place small squares of tissue paper onto the clear adhesive paper in the center of the mitten. Mix up the colors so that you do not have one color all in one place.
6. Add a small dab of glue to the top and bottom of the mitten that is on the clear adhesive paper.
7. Cut a piece of silver ribbon for the hanger and fold in half. Place the two open ends of the ribbon at the top of the mitten in the dab of glue.
8. Take the other mitten half and carefully line it up with the mitten on the clear adhesive paper. Gently press down onto the glue.
9. Gently peel back the clear adhesive paper backing and then fold over the top of the mitten creation to seal both sides. Press down and smooth out.
10. Use scissors to trim around the outside of the mitten.



Popsicle Stick Snowman

A wide popsicle stick
 White paint
 Black pen
 Scraps of black and orange card
 Piece of thin ribbon.
 Glue

Instructions:

Paint the stick white and leave to dry. With the black pen draw on some dots for eyes, mouth and buttons. Cut out a hat from black card and a carrot nose from orange card and glue on. Finally tie a piece of ribbon around the stick as a scarf and glue in place.

Snowman

One little snowman short and fat,
 Wearing a scarf and a big black hat.
 He has two eyes so he can see,
 And also a smile, just for me.

Two sticks for arms,
 And a carrot nose,
 Buttons down the front,
 Almost to his toes.
 When the weather is cold,
 He stands up tall.
 But when the sun comes out,
 It makes him very small.

Toddlers will enjoy making winter scenes on paper. Using a mixture of half Epsom salts and half water, use paint brushes to cover the paper with the salt mix. As the salt mix dries, shiny crystals will appear on the papers making frosty scenes.



Chinese New Year 2012 will be celebrated on 23rd of January and is the year of Dragon, the most promising and favourable animal in the Chinese zodiac

Chinese Ribbon

Dance: Attach a crepe paper streamer to a chopstick or pencil. Play Chinese inspired music and have children dance around. Show a movement with the ribbon and have children copy it.



Box Dragon

Box dragons are another option. Take a cardboard box covered with red paper and a smaller box and attach the two together so that the small box is the snout of the dragon.

Add eyes by using paper plates or similar, add a mouth - don't forget the teeth and flames.

Dragon Tail

Dragon Tails can be a hands-on preschool activities for Chinese new year. Have the kids line up in a row and have them put their hands on the person's shoulder in front of them. Snake in and out in the fashion of the dragon.

Chopsticks

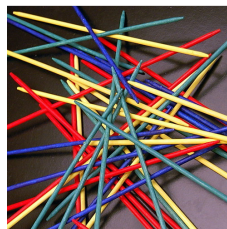
Chopsticks can be used to eat with as part of your Chinese preschool activities, but don't forget to practice first! You can also create a simple game where the kids get to pick up a small item (like a pompom) with chopsticks.



Five green dragons making such a roar.
One danced away and then there were four.
Four green dragons dancing around a tree.
One danced away and then there were three.
Three green dragons dancing around you!
One danced away and then there were two.
Two green dragons dancing under the sun.
One danced away and then there was one.
One green dragon having lots of fun.
It danced away and now there are none!

Tangerines and oranges are passed out freely during Chinese New Year as the words for tangerine and orange sound like luck and wealth.

Have Chopsticks to Recycle?



Play pick up sticks! All it takes is anywhere from 10-40 sticks. Plus, there's no min/max number of players. It's the simplest game that never gets boring—no matter how old you are! Here's how to play:

- Everyone sits in a circle.
- One person scatters the sticks onto a small area of the floor. The sticks should all lie on top/under each other in a disarrayed fashion (the messier the better).
- Each person takes a turn at removing one stick from the pile, while trying not to move any of the other sticks.
- If the player moves more than one stick, it's the next person's turn. But if he/she removes the stick without moving any others, they pick a second stick, and so on...
- When all the sticks are gone, everyone counts their sticks. The person with the most sticks wins!

Sink the Orange. Float an orange in a bowl of water and challenge a student to make it sink. Now peel the orange. Put it back in the water and watch what happens.
Hint : Why the orange sinks. Orange skin is full of trapped air bubbles. This makes the orange light for its size, so it floats. Without its skin and the air bubbles inside it, the orange weighs a lot for its size. The peeled orange is denser than water, so it sinks.