

WINTER STUDENT ENRICHMENT PACKET

First Grade



Elementary Reading/English Language Arts and Social Studies



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Note to Students:

You've learned a great deal already this school year! It is important that you keep your brain active over the Winter Break. In this packet, you will find a calendar of activities to last until you return to school. When you're not sledding, or drinking hot chocolate, complete this packet so you will get off to a good start in the New Year!

DIRECTIONS

*There are three sets of activities in this booklet: Poetry, Newspaper, and Making Words. **Choose one activity from each set to complete from this booklet.***

Parents are encouraged to assist in the following ways:

- Provide your child with the necessary supplies such as a pencil, crayons, scissors, glue, etc.
- Make a plan to complete the activities during the Winter Break.
- Provide a quiet space and time for your child to work on the packet.
- Help your child with the directions. Your child should be able to do most of the activities with minimal supervision.
- Review and discuss your child's responses. Provide positive feedback and praise for sincere effort and independence.
- If your child is just beginning to learn to write independently, encourage him/her to write and spell as best as he or she can. You may rewrite the sentence underneath the child's to show correct letter formation and spelling.
- Encourage daily reading of 20-30 minutes of a self-selected book. Read to your child, listen to him/her read, or share the reading. Record the books read on the independent reading log attached at the end of the packet.

Thank you for helping your child succeed!

POETRY ACTIVITY ONE

Directions: Use the poem below for the following activities.

-  Read the poem aloud. Have the whole family learn it with you. Recite it as often as you can. Read and/or recite the poem to someone else in your family.
-  Illustrate or paint a picture of the poem (use the sheets provided). Be sure to include details from the poem.
-  Write a story about what happens next.

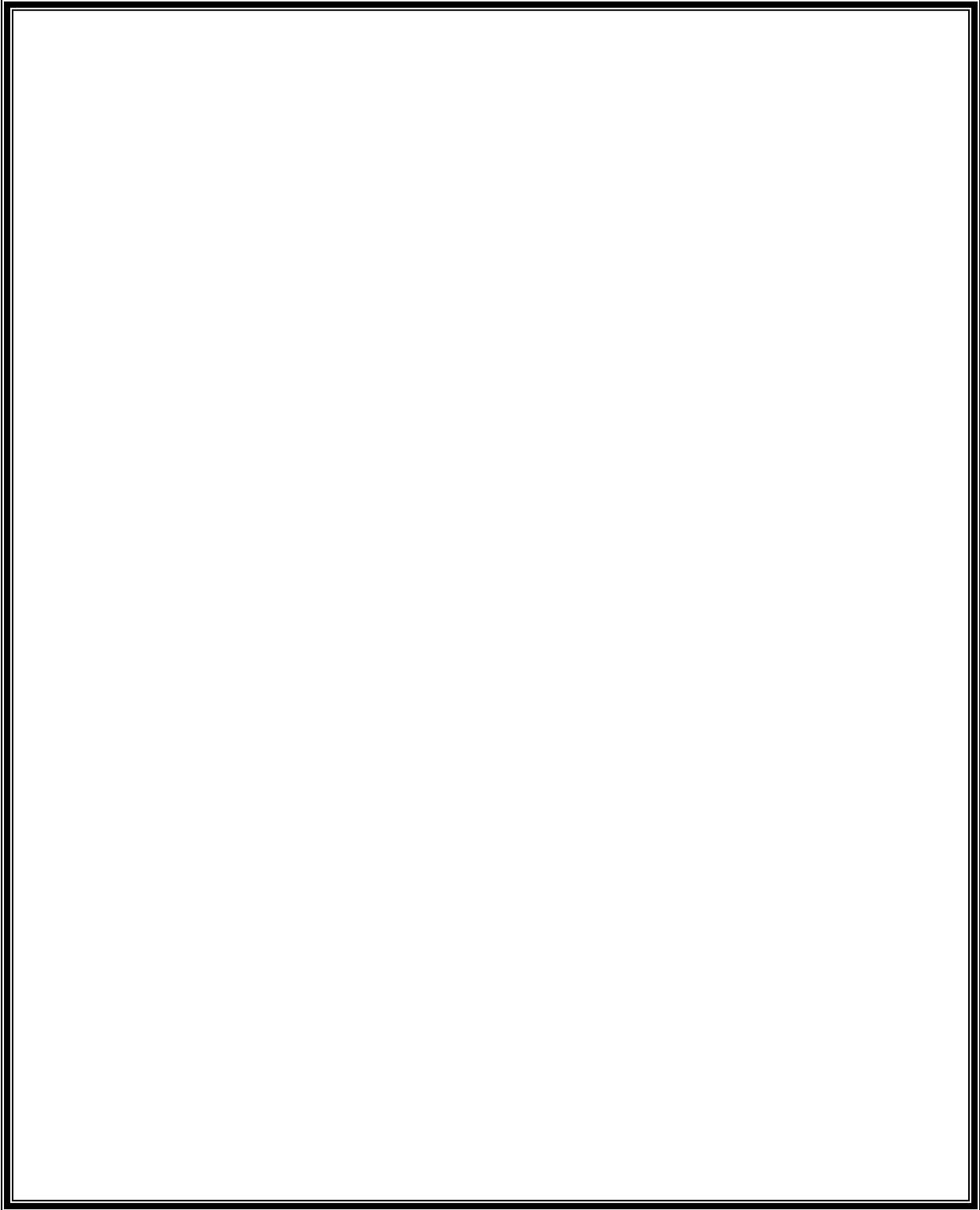
My Busy Day

I make my bed so it's nice and flat.
I clean my room and feed the cat.
I brush my teeth, I use my comb.
These are the things I do at home.

I see my friends, we all play tag.
I stand in class and salute the flag.
I work and play and follow each rule.
These are the things I do at school.

by Jane Holland

My illustration of the poem



POETRY ACTIVITY TWO

Directions: Use the poem below for the following activities:

-  Read the poem aloud. Have the whole family learn it with you. Recite it as often as you can. Read and/or recite the poem to someone else in your family.
-  Circle the rhyming words in the poem.
-  Talk about what the poem meant to you and why you liked it. Ask a family member or friend to share his/her ideas about the poem too. Write a sentence or paragraph about why you liked the poem on the following page.

Snowflake, Snowflake

Snowflake, snowflake

dance around,

Snowflake, snowflake,

touch the ground,

Snowflake, snowflake

soft and white,

Snowflake, snowflake snowball fight!

Snowflake, snowflake

in the air,

Snowflake, snowflake

everywhere!

–Anonymous

Poetry Activity Three

Directions: Talk about what the poem meant to you and why you liked it. Ask a family member or friend to share his/her ideas about the poem too. Write sentences about why you liked the poem. Draw a picture of what you do when snowflakes fall.

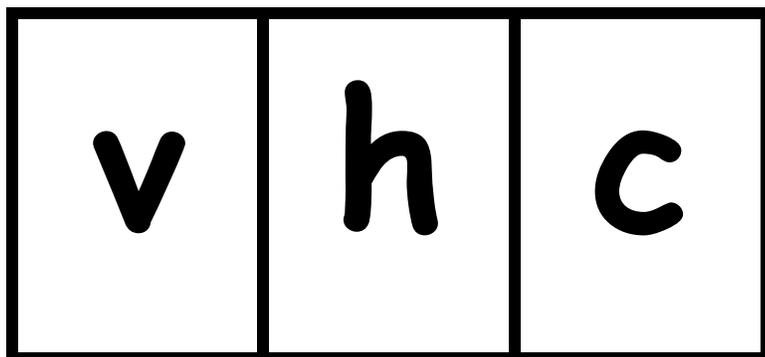
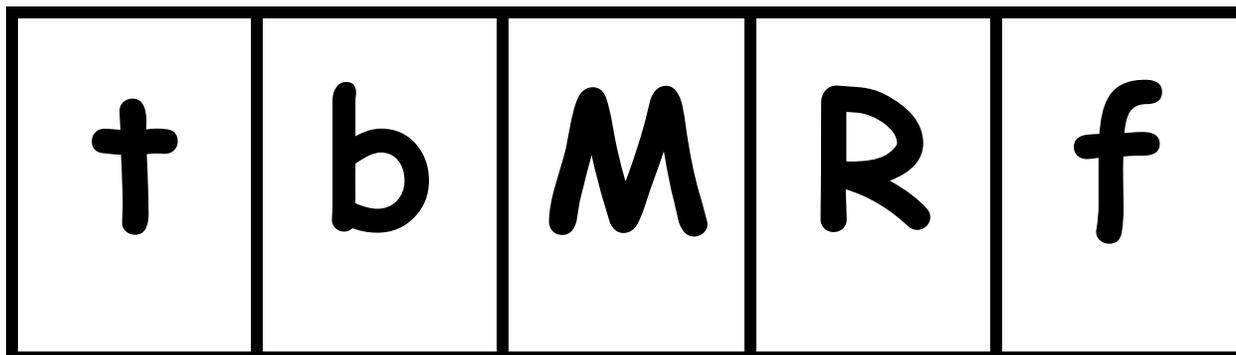
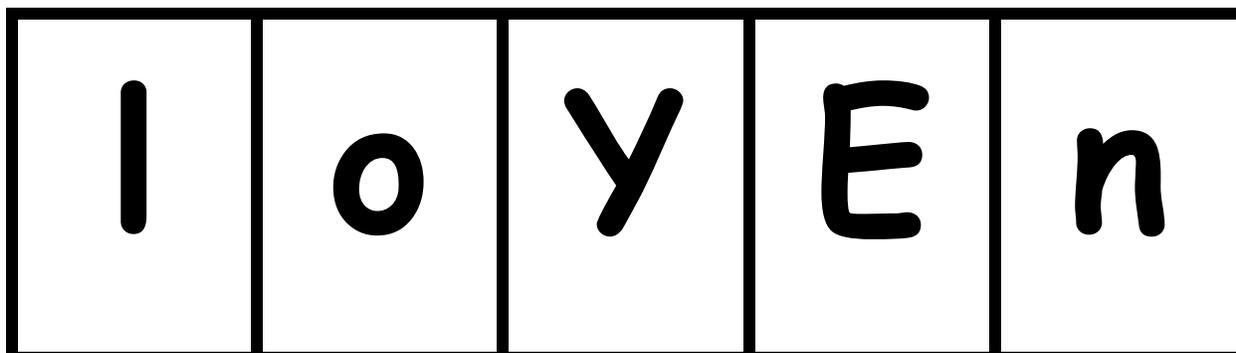
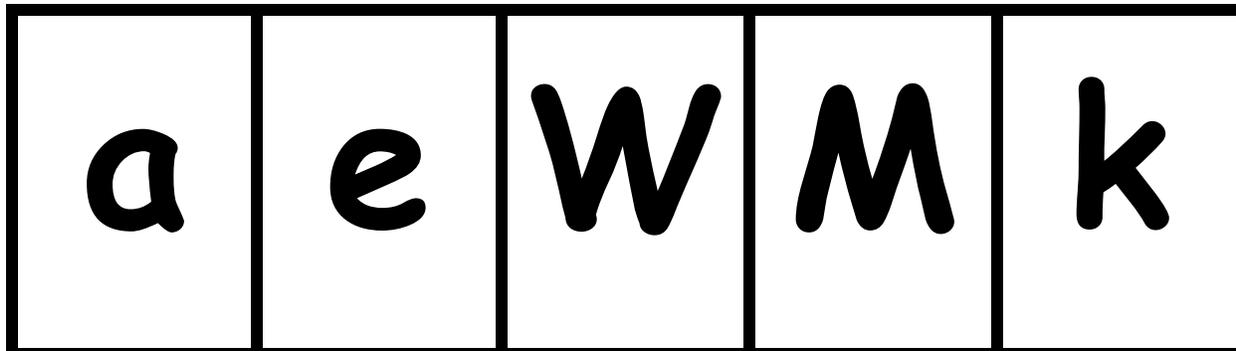


NEWSPAPER ACTIVITY ONE

Directions: Choose three words from a newspaper. Cut the words out and glue them to the top of each column. Then look for words that rhyme with those words. Cut them out and glue them in the column under the rhyming word.

MAKING WORDS ACTIVITY ONE

Directions: Cut apart the letters and manipulate the letters to make as many words as you can. List the words you made on the next page. **Challenge:** Can you sort the words with the same vowel sounds in groups?



Making Words Activity One

In the boxes below, write the words that you made. **Challenge:** How many four or five letter words can you make?

READING LOG

Name of Book	Author	Book Review Did you like this book?		
				
				
				
				
				
				
				
				
				
				
				
				