



Once again, the time has absolutely flown by! I had every intention of getting my winter newsletter out as soon as I was able to be home for a few weeks. Well, as you know...that did not happen! My life is in two cycles: work and play. Since I travel about 30 weeks per year, I try to catch up with friends and neighbors when I am finally home by entertaining and planning family outings. Our family attended three Christmas musicals, my daughter and I saw the Nutcracker, the Festival of Trees and a Santa Movie and I was involved in planning 3 parties....so...there you have it...the time evaporated. I know I could scratch this issue but I am making myself get it **DONE!!!** I hope you had a Merry Christmas and/or Happy Hanukkah and are enjoying some time with your family and friends!



Here is a Hanukkah song I wrote for some friends:

TUNE: LONDON BRIDGES

CANDLES BURNING VERY BRIGHT, VERY BRIGHT, VERY BRIGHT
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 HANUKKAH IS HERE
 ON A HOLY SPECIAL NIGHT,
 SPECIAL NIGHT, SPECIAL NIGHT
 ON A HOLY SPECIAL NIGHT,
 HANUKKAH IS HERE
 SPIN THE DREIDEL ROUND AND ROUND, ROUND AND ROUND, ROUND AND ROUND...
 SPIN THE DREIDEL ROUND AND ROUND, ...
 HANUKKAH IS HERE
 YUMMY CHOCOLATE GELT IS FOUND....
 GELT IS FOUND....
 GELT IS FOUND....
 YUMMY CHOCOLATE GELT IS FOUND....
 HANUKKAH IS HERE!
 EAT A LATKE FROM YOUR PLATE, FROM YOUR PLATE, FROM YOUR PLATE...
 EAT A LATKE FROM YOUR PLATE...
 HANUKKAH IS HERE!
 FRIENDS AND FAMILY CELEBRATE, CELEBRATE, CELEBRATE...
 FRIENDS AND FAMILY CELEBRATE...
 HANUKKAH IS HERE!

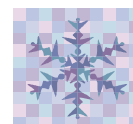


Tune: HICKORY DICKORY DOCK

IT'S TIME TO ZIP UP MY COAT...
 AND PUT MY MITTENS ON TOO!
 I'M GOING OUTSIDE...
 IT'S CERTAINLY COLD...
 BECAUSE IT'S WINTER TIME!



I PUFF TO SEE MY BREATH...
 THE SNOW IS FALLING DOWN...
 I'LL SCOOP SOME UP...
 AND MAKE A ROUND BALL...
 I'LL THROW IT RIGHT AT YOU~
 (or you can use directionality here: Throw it way up high...put it on your shoulder, stomp it with my boots...drop it behind my back)





Since children are prone to colds during the winter season, you may want to teach them this little hand washing song:

WASH, WASH, WASH
YOUR HANDS...IN THE
BATHROOM SINK!
SCRUB WITH LOTS OF
BUBBLES THAT ARE
PURPLE BLUE OR PINK!
RINSE, RINSE, RINSE
YOUR HANDS...THE
GERMS GO DOWN THE
DRAIN!
NOW WE ARE READY TO
EAT OUR
SNACK...BECAUSE OUR
HANDS ARE CLEAN!

TUNE: ROW, ROW, ROW
YOUR BOAT!



A gentle reminder for those coughs during the winter months...

Cough in your elbow
when you are sick...
(pretend to cough)
Do not cough in your
hand!
(Shake head and hold up
your hand)
When you cough...
Germs jump out of your
mouth...
Please don't share them
with your friends!
(shake your head: NO)



Here is a quick little ditty for those of you who need to remind your friends to cover up before painting...I had a request from Arkansas and came up with this. If you have a topic you need a song for...let me know and I will see what I can come up with. Often, this inspires me and gets my creative juices going!



PUT YOUR APRON ON
BECAUSE IT'S TIME FOR ART...
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WE MIGHT PAINT OR WE MIGHT
GLUE...
ART IS ALWAYS FUN TO DO!
PUT YOUR APRON ON
BECAUSE IT'S TIME FOR ART!

Some of you may have some new students and enjoy this introducing song. When I am sharing programs, in schools, I always call children to the front to join me and ask them to say their name as an introduction...using a voice that is loud and proud!

Every single day...
all around the
world...people pass each
other men and
women...boys and girls.
Let's introduce
ourselves...shake a hand or
two!!! I am _____
and I'm so glad to meet
you!

Share with the children how to shake hands and introduce themselves!



PREPOSITIONAL AWARENESS ACTIVITY:

Select 6-8 paper plates
And string a one yard length of
yarn through to make them into
necklaces.
Glue pictures of the following
items onto the plates...

Mitten, Hat, Snowflake,
Snowman, Coat, Sled, Tree
covered with snow,
Scarf etc.

Select children to wear the
plates around their necks.

Then give the following
directions”
I would like the snowman to
stand behind the mitten...
I would like the coat to
stand in front of the hat...
I would like the sled to
stand between the tree and
the scarf...

I wish you a wonderful 2007...it
is so hard to believe isn't it? I
am excited that I have now been
invited to speak in 46 states! I
am anxious to visit Hawaii,
Montana, Massachusetts and
Connecticut! If you know of
anyone in these states who
would enjoy my ideas...please
let me know!

Also, I am booking summer and
fall 2007 venues now...if you are
able to send information about
the committees that plan staff
development, I would love to
tag on a free visit with your
students as MOTHER GOOSE!
Hugs to all!

**A FRIEND LOVES AT ALL
TIMES...**

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