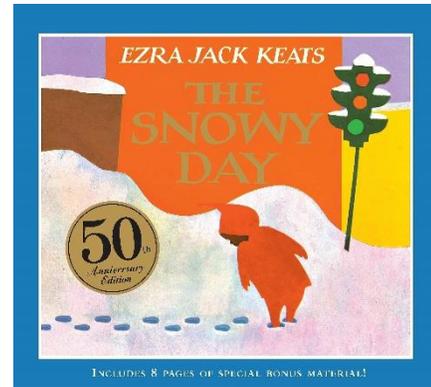


The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats, Read along with an animated story:

<https://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/read-aloud/the-snowy-day/>



Here at Holly Ridge, stories are a way to engage children in learning, build upon imaginations, and help connect with others. The Snow Day by Ezra Jack Keats is a book that talks about snow, temperatures, cold and hot, and directions up and down. The author uses “thought” to introduce thinking, an abstract concept that we can model with our babies and toddlers. Learning often occurs through imitation and modeling. The Snow Day provides a simple way parents can model “thinking” in daily routines. Ezra Jack Keats has vocabulary and concepts repeated throughout the book to support learning. In the story, the young boy reflects on the wonders of snow; family members can also model this concept when talking about events that occurred during the day.

Vocabulary and Concepts: Snow, cold, warm, up, down, squish, tall, round, thought, reflection melted, friends



Tips for reading with toddlers include finding a comfortable spot and skipping some words to match your child’s attention span. Pointing to pictures and labeling them, and adding sound effects, and different actions that they can imitate when needed. Act out some of the actions in the story as movement can be a great learning tool for young children. As always, have fun! However you adapt the story, learning is happening. Enjoy and laugh together!

Activities to include to enhance literacy for your toddler: <https://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/lesson-plan/a-flurry-of-activities/>