

Activity 3: Snow Dough

Work with your child to make dough according to this recipe.

- 1 cup flour
- 3/8 cup salt (or a little less than 1/2 cup)
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon glitter
- food coloring (optional)

Follow these steps:

1. Stir the flour, salt, and cream of tartar together in a medium pot.
2. Add the water and oil, and stir.
3. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly for 2-3 minutes. The mixture will thicken and stick together like dough.
4. Remove from heat and place the dough ball in a bowl or onto wax paper to cool.
5. Once the dough is cool enough to handle, mix in the glitter and knead the dough until smooth.
6. If you would like different colors of dough, separate the dough into separate plastic zipper bags, add food coloring to the dough, and mix the dough inside the bag until the color is mixed in well.
7. Store the dough in an airtight container.

Have your child use the dough to create a snowy scene in the lid of a shoebox. Using colored paper, playdough, or modeling clay, she could create some of the animals she read about in the story. She might add some materials from outside that would complete the scene, such as greenery to create small trees.