



Art: Torn Paper Snowstorm

Ask the children to write their names on gray sheets of paper. Show the children how to tear white paper into tiny pieces to make “snow” for the ground. Demonstrate how to glue the “snow” to the bottom half of the paper. Provide the children with colored paper to add additional items to their snowstorm pictures: trees, houses, hills, snow people, etc. Children can use white crayons to add snowflakes to their pictures.

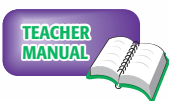
Art: Epsom Salt Painting

Take a picture walk through *The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto*. Examine the snow in the pictures. Ask the children if snow is flat. They will notice that there are places where the snow looks thicker than in other places.



Instruct the children to color or paint a winter snow scene on a piece of paper. When they are finished, mix 1/2 cup (125 ml) Epsom salts with 1/2 cup (125 ml) warm water. With a paintbrush, spread the solution over the areas where the children want snow or clouds. The mixture will dry, leaving a “icy” texture to the snow and clouds that is more authentic.

Art: Sculpture



In New York City there is a statue of Balto in Central Park. Children like to play on it and think about his bravery. Invite the children to make a sculpture of a part of the story of Balto (or some other arctic book) that they would like to remember and share. Use modeling clay or play dough. When all the children have completed their projects, arrange a gallery walk so they can see what their peers have created. For detailed instructions about the gallery walk strategy, refer to the *Teacher Manual*, Section 3: “Strategies.”

Art: Poster

Invite children to make a poster featuring all of the things that pets need. Provide markers or paints. If they use paints, cover the table with paper and have them wear their paint shirts. If you have a large class, divide the children into groups and have each group create a poster illustrating one of the basic needs of pets.