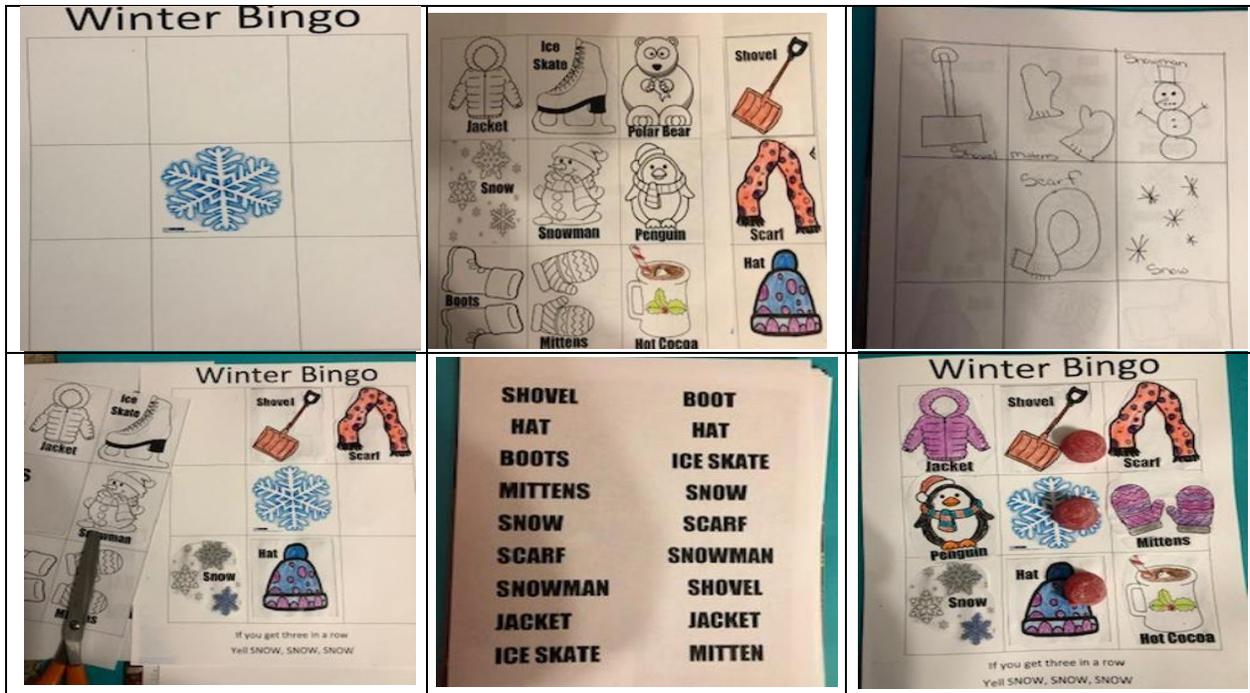


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. Let's get this winter started from the warmth of our own house, with a fun game of Bingo! It is winter and snow we know, will soon be here. This game is called "Winter Bingo", so start to think of all those things that you see in the winter months. You may not be able to have your favorite family or friends together to play, but you can make Grandma or Uncle Joe, or favorite friend, a game board. Put it in the mail to them and play over the phone. That way, they will not know if you eat all the marshmallow game pieces!



1-On a piece of paper or cardboard, make nine boxes all the same size. Make a "free space" in the middle, using a snowflake or other winter picture. To play the bingo game, you will want to have a few cards. Now you will need pictures of all different winter things. You can draw and color these, cut them out of magazines or you can use stamps. Some that I used include hat, boots, ice skate, penguin, hot cocoa, shovel, and more. Make at least three more pictures than the number of boxes. Create as many pages of pictures, as the number of game boards that you have. This is a game for all ages, so try to draw the pictures yourself. You can write the name of the winter picture in the box. This helps with letter and word recognition. Cut out the pictures and glue one picture in each of the eight boxes. On the next game page, glue different pictures in different spaces.

2-Write the words for the pictures on another piece of paper. This will be the "calling" page. Give the calling page to someone, and you are ready to play winter bingo. Lay out the game boards. Use anything to cover the space, when the word is called that matches one on your board. Some fun ideas are M&M's, mini-marshmallows, or pennies. Everyone, automatically, gets a game piece on the middle, "free space". Now remember, this is Winter bingo, so if you match three pictures in a row, (across the board, down the board, or from corner to corner) you have to say the magic words-Three in a row, snow, snow, snow!

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