

# **UNIT OVERVIEW**

***“Winter Carnivals: Skates, Sleds And Lots Of Snow”*** is a two week language arts unit intended for use with Grade One/Two children who have begun to develop some reading and writing skills. It can be used to strengthen the children’s reading and writing skills. Throughout this unit, children are involved in activities that focus their attention on language and how it is used. They brainstorm, study words, alphabetize, rhyme, categorize words, work with synonyms, work with antonyms, read, answer questions in complete sentences, and complete writing activities. They are encouraged to use their knowledge of reading strategies to help them read the winter carnival fact cards.

A display of books about winter carnivals should be set up in the classroom. The books motivate the children and encourage them to read for enjoyment and for information. Children read these books in their spare time and during silent reading.

## **Section One: Lesson Plans**

Section One contains two weeks of lesson plans. The lesson plans describe the different teaching strategies for using the activities in each day’s lesson. Each lesson includes a spelling activity, a brainstorming activity, a study of new words, work in the student booklet, a writing activity, work at the learning center, playing the synonym concentration game, playing the antonym concentration game, and a parent page.

## **Section Two: Student Booklets**

Section Two includes a student booklet that is ready to be photocopied for student use. Every page includes four questions about one of the winter carnival fact cards that the children read in class. The children are encouraged to answer the questions in their student booklets using complete sentences.

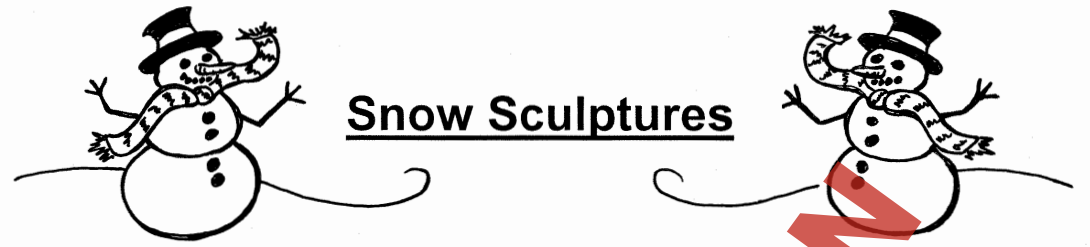
## **Section Three: Parent Pages**

Section Three includes ten parent pages. The children take home a parent page at the end of each day’s lesson. The parent pages reinforce what the children learn each day. They are meant to make the parents aware of what their children are learning in school and should only take five to ten minutes each evening to complete.

# Winter Carnivals



Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## Snow Sculptures

1. Where are snow sculpture contests held?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What kind of snow sculptures do children make?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How do children make snow sculptures with different colours?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the opposite of 'after'?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Winter Carnivals



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\_\_\_\_\_  
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## WEEK ONE – DAY ONE

Dear Parents: This worksheet reviews the sounds and concepts your child learned at school today. Take five to ten minutes to complete the activities on this page with your child. The activities reinforce today's lessons. Depending on your child's present ability, you may want to do these activities orally or you may want your child to do some or all of the writing. Encourage your child to do as much writing as he/she is able to do on his/her own.

Think of three words that have the 'er' sound in 'winter'.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

'Fun' and 'exciting' describe carnivals. Print five other words that describe carnivals.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

skating    see    drink    outside    rides

1. Winter carnivals take place \_\_\_\_\_.
2. There are lots of things to \_\_\_\_\_ and do.
3. Children go ice \_\_\_\_\_ on a frozen lake.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ hot chocolate.
5. They go for sled \_\_\_\_\_.

## Winter Carnivals

Winter Carnivals take place outside. There are lots of things to see and do at a winter carnival. Children can go ice skating on a frozen lake. They can drink hot chocolate. There are snow sculptures and snow forts for children to see. Children can build snowmen and go for sleigh rides. Winter carnivals are fun places to visit.

## Snow Sculptures

There are often snow sculpture contests at a winter carnival. Children can make many different things out of snow. Some children make a snowman or a bird. Other children make animals or castles out of snow. Sometimes snow sculptures are made with different colours. Coloured water is poured over the snow sculpture after the children have finished making it. The water turns to ice and colours the snow sculpture.

## GROUP WORD CARDS

winter

carnival

snow

after

ice



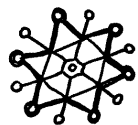
## UNIT TEST

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### A. Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

chocolate    hill    outdoors    sleigh    skating

- Winter carnivals take place \_\_\_\_\_.
- Children went \_\_\_\_\_ on the frozen lake.
- Hot \_\_\_\_\_ is a tasty drink.
- Pull the sled up the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The horses pulled the \_\_\_\_\_.



### B. Match the words to their definitions by connecting them with a line.

fireworks	made of walls of ice
ice maze	a drink
snowshoes	a hat to protect the head
hot chocolate	bright lights in the sky
helmets	used to walk on snow

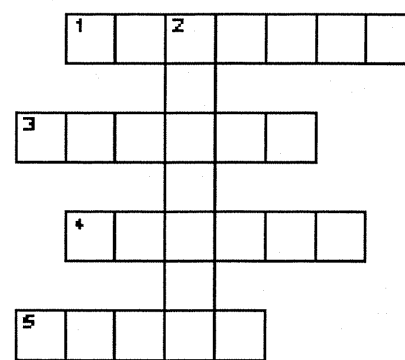
### C. Put the following words into ABC order:

winter    carnival    snowshoes    chocolate    sleigh

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## CROSSWORD PUZZLES

### Week 1 – List B



#### ACROSS

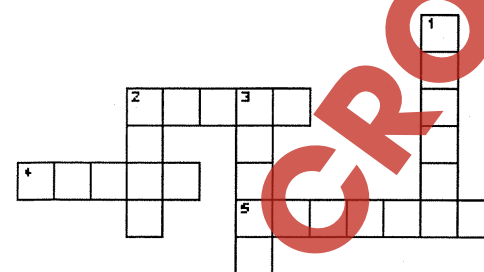
- I built a \_\_\_\_\_ outside my house.
- We get lots of snow in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- We went cross-country \_\_\_\_\_.
- I made an \_\_\_\_\_ in the snow.

#### DOWN

- It is cold \_\_\_\_\_.

angel    outside    skiing  
snowman    winter

### Week 2 – List B



#### ACROSS

- I had a \_\_\_\_\_ on the knee of my jeans.
- We listen to \_\_\_\_\_ on the radio.
- I like to go ice \_\_\_\_\_.

#### DOWN

- We went skating on the \_\_\_\_\_ lake.
- My Mom bought me a new \_\_\_\_\_ of boots.
- We went \_\_\_\_\_-country skiing in the park.

cross    frozen    music  
pair    patch    skating