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Snow Day Box Checklist



Ten things in one bin, so a snow day at 7 am starts with a plan and not a scramble. Tick each box as it goes in.

☐	**Painter's tape** one roll	9 am tape course, hopscotch
☐	**White printer paper** about 20 sheets	11 am snowballs, 2 pm snowflakes
☐	**Washable markers and crayons** one box	2 pm, 5 pm drawing
☐	**Child-safe scissors and clear tape** one pair, one roll	2 pm snowflakes (grown-up nearby)
☐	**A laundry basket** the snowball target	11 am and 3 pm
☐	**A flashlight** with working batteries	4 pm fort, 6 pm shadow game
☐	**A deck of playing cards** one deck	1 pm, 5 pm
☐	**A stack of picture books** about 6, from your shelf or library	12 pm read-aloud, 1 pm quiet hour
☐	**This checklist and the winter bingo** printed, bingo is free on our site	4 pm bingo in the fort
☐	**Dry mittens and a towel** one spare pair per child, by the door	10 am snow time, 11 am reset

Tonight, 5 minutes

- ☐ Put the bin where the kids can see it but not open it.
- ☐ Set dry mittens and a towel by the door.
- ☐ Print page 2 and tape it to the fridge.
- ☐ Tell the kids one sentence: the bin opens after breakfast.

Safety: stay with children for scissors, tape and the flashlight. Keep small items and batteries away from children under 3, because small pieces are a choking risk. Dress children in several thin dry layers for snow time, and bring them in if their hands or face feel numb.

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Snow Day, Hour by Hour

Eleven one-hour blocks from 8 am to 6 pm, matched to energy: wild, mid and calm. Cross out what does not fit and write your own in the gray lines.

WILD: BURN IT OFF MID: RESET OR MAKE CALM: SETTLE

8 am	CALM	Breakfast picnic on a blanket, then look out the window	☐
9 am	WILD	Tape course and pillow jumps in the living room	☐
10 am	WILD	Snow outside for a short stretch, if the weather is safe	☐
11 am	MID	Dry mittens, a warm drink, then the paper snowball target	☐
12 pm	CALM	Lunch, then a read-aloud	☐
1 pm	CALM	Quiet hour, everyone in their own spot	☐
2 pm	MID	Paper snowflakes and a window gallery	☐
3 pm	WILD	Paper snowball toss league	☐
4 pm	MID	Blanket fort, flashlight and winter bingo inside	☐
5 pm	CALM	While dinner cooks: cards, drawing, a page to color	☐
6 pm	CALM	Cozy lights, one story, shadow game with the flashlight	☐

Ages 3 to 8, with a grown-up at home all day. Little ones can skip the scissors in the 2 pm block and tear paper instead. The full plan and the ideas behind each hour are in the free guide on puddlesandplay.com.

FOR GROWN-UPS · ONE SNOW DAY IS EASY, THREE IN A ROW IS NOT

The Indoor Day Rescue Kit

When the bin is empty by 11 am, this is the next step: 100 activity cards sorted by energy level, so you pull a card instead of searching for an idea.



100 cards in 5 decks

Burn Energy, Calm Down, Play Alone, Play Together and While I Cook. Every card shows ages, prep, mess and what you need from around the house.



Tape games and obstacle courses

4 painter's tape floor games with diagrams, 12 obstacle course station cards and a course planner, for the wild hours.



Rescue plans, including the snow day

6 rescue plans, each three cards long, for the snow day, the sick day, the 5 pm cooking hour and more. 37 pages in US Letter, A4 and low-ink.

Also inside

A rainy week planner, jar labels, and an age tweak page for 3 to 4, 5 to 6 and 7 to 8.

See the kit at puddlesandplay.com