

Snowball Fight

Whatever the climate is like where you live, this “snowball” game is sure to become a favorite no matter what the season!

Supplies: Index Cards; Scrap Paper; Timer

Preparation: Print or write sight, spelling, or vocabulary words on index cards or paper. Crumple them up to look like snowballs.

Everyone loves a good snowball fight! Encourage your child to make a “snow” fort with some couch cushions or pillows while you do the same. Divvy the supply of snowballs (words) between you and your child. Set your timer for one minute and let the fun begin! Simulate a snowball fight by tossing the “snowballs” at each other. When the time is up, each player must read the snowball words closest to his snow fort. You can add a twist to this game by writing a number next to each word. Add up the numbers of correctly read words for a final score! Highest score wins!

* There are thousands of websites with sight, spelling, and vocabulary word cards that can be easily printed and cut apart for all word play games. Do an Internet search for “Dolch sight word cards,” “Fry’s spelling word cards,” or “third grade vocabulary cards.” Word lists for any grade level can be searched, but remember to choose word cards that are appropriate for your child’s readiness level.

* Lucky enough to have snow outside your door? Write spelling words (in pencil) on index card pieces and pack them within real snowballs. Encourage your child to gently toss them forward and read the word when the snowball breaks open.