

# Winter Story Jar

Surprise reading, writing, and kindness prompts for families.



Instructions:

1. Cut out the strips and fold them.
2. Put them in a jar, cup, or envelope.
3. When you have a few minutes, pull one and try the activity together.
4. Do as many or as few as you like—save the rest for another day.

Read under a blanket or pillow fort.

Read by a window and notice the weather.

Read aloud to a stuffed animal or pet.

Have a 10-minute family read-aloud.

Read in a funny place (safely!).

Try a book by a new-to-you author.

At the library: ask for a book recommendation.

Find a book with snow, stars, or rain on the cover.

Find a book with an animal on the cover.

Visit a section you usually skip (poetry, biography, etc.).

Read the first line of three books; pick one to explore.

Draw a tiny map of your favorite spot in the library.

Write a 6-word winter story.

Make a 3-line poem about today's weather.

Invent a winter character and draw or describe them.

Create a new holiday just for readers. Name it.

Draw your favorite book cover from memory.

Make a three-panel comic about a reading or library moment.

A grownup shares a book they loved as a kid.

Everyone shares a favorite book and why they love it.

Make a kindness bookmark with a friendly message to give away.

Write or draw a simple thank-you for the library.

Make a list of three kind wishes for other people this winter.

Tell a favorite family memory like it's a page in a picture book.