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"Shop Till You Drop!"

Low Prep Holiday Literacy Centers

Spelling Snowball Fight

Complete any **TWO** spelling
snowball activities based on
your weekly list.



Trimming the Story Tree

Choose **ANY** fiction or
nonfiction book and complete a
story tree based on that book.



Letter to the North Pole

Write a friendly letter to
one of the characters below.



Santa	Rudolph
elf	Mrs. Claus

A Few of My Favorite Things

Choose a topic below and
make a "top ten" list.



Christmas carols	Christmas presents
Things to do on winter break	Holiday foods and drinks

Very Merry Vocabulary

Choose any 4 words below to
make Vocabulary Trading Cards.



misadvent	deport	joyful
relative	history	delight
garland	hurdle	nausea
vacation	colatitude	denote

Holiday Hunt

Choose **ANY** holiday book.
Search for **ONE** of the following
parts of speech inside the book.
to record on your sheet.



person	nouns	proper nouns
adjectives		adverbs

Detailed Instructions for Management and Organization

Suggestions for Organization and Management

*Attach colored center headers with instructions to the front of shopping bags. Grocery bags or holiday bags both work great. The holiday bags pictured are from Dollar Tree.

*Make copies of enough student templates for each child for each of the six centers (some are half sheets), and put the copies inside the matching shopping bags. Place the shopping bags in an easily accessible area of your classroom.

*Students will need a pocket folder or file folder to hold center work that is either completed or in progress. Their tracking chart (page 3) needs to be stapled inside.

*Review center instructions and expectations as class that include the following:

-Students may complete centers in any order they choose, which keeps their interest levels high, but they must completely finish a center before beginning a new one. Also, they must complete their whole list 'once' before beginning the 'twice' column.

-On their tracking chart, they need to mark an X with a pencil in the matching box when beginning a center, then color it in with a crayon when it is complete.

-I would suggest that for optimal work quality, no more than 2 centers should be completed each day.



Center Descriptions

1. Spelling Snowball Fight	Students use weekly spelling lists and choose two snowball activities to complete on separate notebook paper.
2. Letter to the North Pole	Students write a friendly letter to one of four holiday characters.
3. A Few of My Favorite Things	Students make a 'Top Ten' list based on one of four topics, then draw pictures of five items on the back.
4. Trimming the Story Tree	Students complete a fiction or non-fiction story organizer for an assigned book OR book of their choosing.
5. Very Merry Vocabulary	Students choose 4 of the provided vocabulary words, then use a dictionary to complete 4 vocabulary trading cards.
6. Holiday Hunt	Students use classroom or library holiday books search for a part of speech and write sentences for each.

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Students track their OWN centers!



Make a List and Check it Twice!

holiday literacy centers

NAME: _____



CENTER

Once Twice

1. SPELLING SNOWBALL FIGHT		
2. LETTER TO THE NORTH POLE		
3. A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS		
4. TRIMMING THE STORY TREE		
5. VERY MERRY VOCABULARY		
6. HOLIDAY HUNT		

TEACHER COMMENTS: _____

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Spelling Snowball Fight

Complete any TWO spelling snowball activities based on your weekly list.



LOW PREP and students "shop" for center choices!

Very Merry Vocabulary

Choose any 4 words below to make Vocabulary Trading Cards.



seasonal	depart	joyful
relative	history	delight
garland	twinkle	humble
vacation	celebrate	donate

Trimming the Story Tree

Choose ANY fiction or nonfiction book and complete a story tree based on that book.



Letter to the North Pole

Write a friendly letter to one of the characters below.



Santa	Rudolph
elf	Mrs. Claus

A Few of My Favorite Things

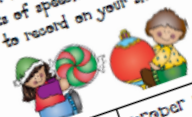
Choose a topic below and make a "Top Ten" list.



Christmas carols	Christmas presents
Things to do on Winter Break	Holiday foods and drinks

Holiday Hunt

Choose ANY holiday book. Search for ONE of the following parts of speech inside the book to record on your sheet.



common nouns	proper nouns
adjectives	adverbs

Matching student templates for each shopping bag

Holiday Hunt

Name: _____

I'm searching for _____

1 _____	6 _____
2 _____	7 _____
3 _____	8 _____
4 _____	9 _____
5 _____	10 _____

Choose 5 of your words to use in sentences.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

<p>1</p> <p>Word _____</p> <p>Definition _____</p> <p>Sentence _____</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Word _____</p> <p>Definition _____</p> <p>Sentence _____</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Word _____</p> <p>Definition _____</p> <p>Sentence _____</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Word _____</p> <p>Definition _____</p> <p>Sentence _____</p>

Trimming the "Story Tree" (Nonfiction)

Name: _____

Title _____

Main Topic _____

What I Already Know _____

Questions _____

Fun Facts _____

Text Features _____

Vocabulary Words _____

Trimming the "Story Tree"

Name: _____

Title _____

Character _____

Setting _____

Main Idea _____

Problem _____

Solution _____

Most Important Part _____

Text Connection _____

Dear _____

Date _____

A Few of My Favorite Things

Name: _____

Top Ten _____

1 _____	6 _____
2 _____	7 _____
3 _____	8 _____
4 _____	9 _____
5 _____	10 _____

On the back of your paper, draw pictures of 5 items on your list.

Spelling Snowball Fight

Name: _____

Choose any TWO spelling activities to complete on notebook paper. Color in the snowballs you chose.

Color Code words = red
consonants = green

ABC Order

Words in a sentence

Fancy Letters