





“Stuffy” The Recycled Trash Bag Snowman “Snow” much fun!

- We have a recycled paper box in the teachers’ lounges through out our schools.
- The last day we’re in school, before Christmas break, I visit the rooms through out the various buildings and load up a big black trash bag with all of the paper.
- If you don’t have a recycled paper box in your school, start one. These scraps are great to make “shred” and do all sorts of activities with.
- When my students come back from vacation, we build our own two-snowball snowman out of 2 white garbage bags.
- My Y5’s named him “Stuffy.”
- Children sit on our *Circle of Friends* carpet and crinkle up paper “snowballs”
- As they get a snowball done, I have them toss it towards our big garbage can that’s lined with the white garbage bag.
- Every time they make a “bucket” they give themselves a tally mark, under their name that I’ve written on the white board.
- If they miss they simply try again. Everyone gets a snowflake sticker, and the one who made the most “buckets” gets a trip to the treasure box.
- This is great counting, and tally mark practice, as well as wonderful fine motor and gross motor exercise too.
- I take the garbage bag out when it’s pretty full and students continue to stuff ‘til the bag is nice and round.
- Make sure the bottom bag is bigger than the “head”.
- When you are happy with Stuffy’s size, put your snowman ball in the corner of the classroom, so he leans against the wall for support and “build” him from there.
- Using duct tape (It’s nice and sticky) put on the head.
- Decorate with a real stocking cap and scarf.
- Poke a hole on either side and use two rulers as arms. Two paint paddles work great too.
- A pair of gloves or mittens go on each end and wahla (!) your own inside snowman.
- Add a construction paper nose, “coal” black eyes and red cherry mouth pieces, + some circles for the buttons and stick them on with duct tape.
- Each month I tried to do something that was RECYCLED and Stuffy fit the bill for January.