

Sherry Lupton's Second Grade Class  
Mockingbird Elementary School  
Coppell, Texas  
*Snowmen at Night* by Caralyn Buehner

Interactive Read Aloud:

In Texas we rarely get snow and it is even rarer that we have enough to build snowmen! So, in reading *Snowmen at Night*, my class enjoyed thinking about actually building a snowperson and then imagining what the snowmen might do when we are sleep at night.

Writing Workshop: Culminating Ideas

As a class, we read Eric Carle's *Dream Snow* and Alice Schertle's *All You Need for a Snowman* as well. Then the students created a story that told about a snowman they built and what it did at night.

Student Writing Sample



Wow!

One day, it was snowing and I went outside to build a snowman. I built him tall and fat. Then I went back inside to drink some hot cocoa. Next, I had to go to bed. When I got in bed I heard someone say "Hey, Henry want to go to the

park?" I sat up in my bed. It's plain weird that someone is asking to go to the park in the night. I went to the window. Wow! Guess what I see? I see a baby snowman walking toward the park. It's amazing. I kept thinking. I went back to sleep dreaming

of snowmen walking  
down the street.  
When I woke up, I  
ran to the window.  
But my snowman was  
outside all droopy.  
I think I was too tired  
from playing last night.

After discussing similes and how writers use them to enhance the visual picture for the reader, the students made a booklet of "Snowy Similes". The student had a foldout booklet of blue construction paper, where the student filled in Snow is as \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ on four different pages. They illustrated their similes above their examples: Snow is as white as a cotton ball, Snow is as perfect as 100 on a test! Snow is as cold as a bowl of ice cream, or Snow is as soft as a pillow made of feathers.

## Follow-up Writing Activity



### Technology Connection:

Kidspiration – (1) Children were to answer the questions about the story and apply a clip art to match responses, (2) use pictures and words to describe 3 of the nighttime activities told in the book, and (3) write about one more activity the snowmen **might** do at night.

# Student Kidspiration Sample

Rachel K.

**Snowmen at Night**  
By: *Caralyn Buehner*



Snowmen live in a child's front yard.

Where do snowmen live?



What are snowmen made of?



Snowmen are made of snow.

In what season do snowmen live?



Winter when it is cold.



ice skate in the park



they play baseball.



they had a big snowball fight.

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