Circle: Songbook – I Built a Snowman

Objective:

In this activity, students utilize memory, listening, and social skills in a series of "call and returns" with the teacher that allows them to learn and sing a new song in a collaborative manner.

Materials:

- Songbook pages (provided)
- Ring for binding purposes (1)

Duration: 30 minutes

Preparation:

- 1. Print songbook pages (provided):
 - a. Print one per student or;
 - b. Print one for the class and choose a student leader to hold the songbook.
- 2. Cut along the dotted lines.
- 3. Laminate and assemble pages.
- 4. Hole punch the top left corner.
- 5. To bind book, place a ring through newly-punched hole.
- 6. Display the completed songbook so that all students can access and reference it.
- 7. Familiarize yourself with the melody of the song ("On Top of Spaghetti") and make it available to students (see step 2 below).



Song Icon for Choice Board

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Activity Script:

We recommend using the following verbal cues as you model each step.

- 1. **"For this activity, we're going to take turns learning a new song."** [Indicate the songbook and choose a student leader to hold the songbook.]
- 2. **"Do you know this song?"** [Play or hum "On Top of Spaghetti." Encourage students to join in.]
- 3. "Now that we recognize the music to the song, let's sing new words to it!" [Draw attention to the songbook and ensure each student can refer to it.]
- 4. "Listen to my words first." [Sing 1-5 lines, depending on learners' level.]
- 5. "Now you try. Using your voice, echo the words you hear me sing." [Call and return each verse several times.]
- 6. "Let's try singing all at once now."

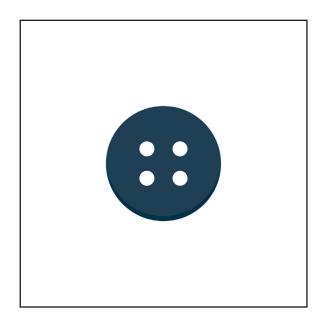
 [Assist students by pointing at each word in the songbook as you sing it aloud.]



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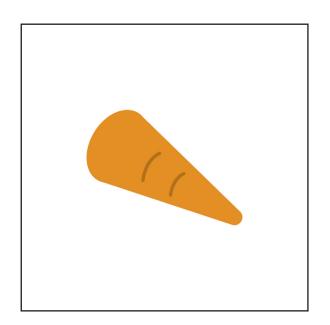
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I built a snowman
All covered with snow.
He's made with three snowballs:
Just look and you'll know.



I put on some buttons.
I need only two.
They will be his eyes:
I'm glad they are blue.

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I added a carrot,
So he had a nose.
It will still be there
If it gets windy and blows.

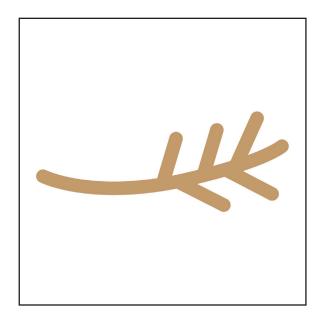


He now needs a smile.
I'll make it with coal.
I'll use little pieces:
They first need a hole.



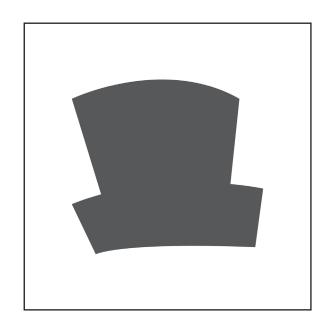


I gave him a bright scarf
To help keep him warm.
I wasn't quite sure
If there'd be a storm.



What does he need next?
Two arms made of sticks.
I counted his fingers:
I think he has six.

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The last thing's the top hat
To put on his head.
"This is your father's,"
My mother said.



I finished my snowman.
I'm as proud as can be.
Take a good look at him:
He's as happy as me.

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