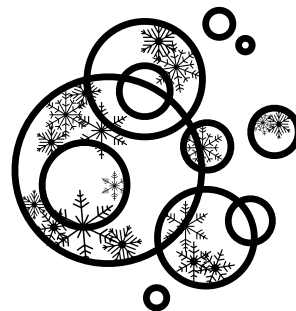


WINTER WONDERLAND: NATURE PLAY

Cold weather bubbles

Even in the bitter cold, there's still fun to be had outside! Using an eyedropper and bubble solution, you and your child can explore frozen bubbles. (We aren't kidding when we say bitter cold--temperatures of -13° Fahrenheit or lower work best. Use extreme caution in these temps and be ready to come in quickly.) You will need:

- 200 ml warm water
- 35 ml corn syrup (helps thicken the mixture)
- 35 ml dish soap (helps form bubbles)
- 2 tablespoons sugar (helps with crystallization)
- 1 plastic straw or eyedropper



Mix ingredients in a bowl until all the ingredients are combined. Then head outside (bundle up first) and find a branch or piece of ground that is very frozen to practice blowing bubbles onto. Using your eyedropper take a small amount of liquid and then gently squeeze it out along with the air inside the dropper. The bubble will take a little while to start freezing so be patient. If it's cold enough you'll see ice crystals form in the water layer of the bubble, but frozen bubble experts say it can take a few tries to get a bubble to freeze.