



Jack Frost

By Gabriel Setoun

The door was shut, as doors should be,
Before you went to bed last night;
Yet Jack Frost has got in, you see,
And left your window silver white.

He must have waited till you slept;
And not a single word he spoke,
But penciled o'er the panes and crept
Away again before you woke.

And now you cannot see the hills
Nor fields that stretch beyond the lane;
But there are fairer things than these
His fingers traced on every pane.

Rocks and castles towering high;
Hills and dales, and streams and fields;
And knights in armor riding by,
With nodding plumes and shining shields.

And here are little boats, and there
Big ships with sails spread to the breeze;
And yonder, palm trees waving fair
On islands set in silver seas,

And butterflies with gauzy wings;
And herds of cows and flocks of sheep;
And fruit and flowers and all the things
You see when you are sound asleep.

For, creeping softly underneath
The door when all the lights are out,

Jack Frost takes every breath you breathe,
And knows the things you think about.

He paints them on the window-pane
In fairy lines with frozen steam;
And when you wake you see again
The lovely things you saw in dream.

*Quiz: What do you know
about ... snowflakes?*

- * Snow crystals form in clouds when the temperature is below freezing.
- * Snowflakes can have more than six sides and have the same formation.
- * Both the form and shape of a snowflake depends upon the moisture content of the cloud.
- * The largest snowflake measured 38 centimeters wide and 20 centimeters thick.

Chicken Soup with Rice

INGREDIENTS:

5 cups water	1 onion, chopped
1 (14.5 ounce) can chicken broth	3 stalks celery, chopped
1 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cut into cubes	2 cubes chicken bouillon
3 carrots, chopped	1/3 cup uncooked white rice
	salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large saucepan over high heat, combine 4 cups water and the chicken broth and bring to a boil. Add the chicken, carrots, onion, celery and bouillon and reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer for about 15 minutes or until the vegetables are soft.
2. Add more water as necessary. Add the rice and allow to simmer for another 15 minutes, or until the rice is tender. Add salt and pepper to taste.



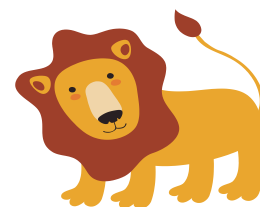
Quiz Answers:

- * **True** – Snowflakes are created by water droplets freezing on small ice particles. As an ice crystal drops through a cloud it bumps and knocks into others and becomes a snowflake.
- * **False** – snowflakes always have six sides and like a human fingerprint, no two are exactly alike.
- * **True** - Snowflakes can be categorized into six main types: plate, column, stars, dendrite, needle and rod shaped.
- * **True** – This mega snowflake was found in Fort Keogh, Montana in 1887.





To: Miss Janice's Lions



A Lion's Tail

January 2013

Sipping Once, Sipping Twice...

...sipping Chicken Soup with Rice! The New Year is here and as we experience its cold & blustery days, our Lion friends will partake in a "curriculum soup" of new challenges. We will continue in literature by exploring some classical stories and poems, build upon parts of speech and develop sentence writing skills. In math, we will continue to learn about coins & money combinations, tell time and understand the numerical concept of the "hundreds," "tens" and "ones" columns. In science, we will conclude our study of the solar system and explore various topics in earth science – starting with different types of rocks and crystallization. We will also learn about some prominent people like, Eleanor Roosevelt, Thomas Edison and Helen Keller to name a few. Sipping lots of "curriculum soup" is sure to keep us warm inside and keep the winter blues away!

(In memorandum of author, Maurice Sendak - June 10, 1928- May 8, 2012)

The Book Nook:

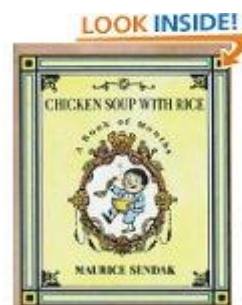
Chicken Soup with Rice: A Book of Months

By Maurice Sendak

A delightful poem to help children learn the months of the year.

This book encourages imagination and inspires us to look forward to every month of the year.

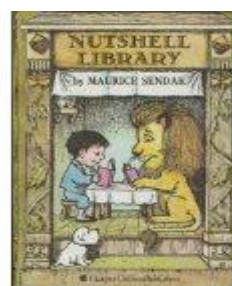
It's truly a classic!



Nutshell Library

By Maurice Sendak

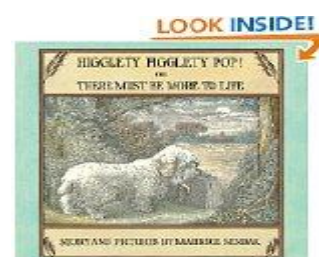
This 4-volume set contains an alphabet book, a book of rhymes about each month, a counting book, and a cautionary tale all written and illustrated by Maurice Sendak. These favorites are entitled: *Alligators All Around*, *Chicken Soup with Rice*, *One Was Johnny*, and *Pierre*.



Higglety Pigglety Pop!: Or There Must Be More to Life

By Maurice Sendak

As a tribute to his dearly departed pooch, Maurice Sendak wrote this odd little tale in 1967 about Jennie, a Sealyham terrier who is not content with having everything but must go out in the world to find something she doesn't have.



ImagINation Learning Center
Teacher: Miss Janice
Class: The Lions

What's Happening this Month?

Lessons:

- Proper Nouns for People & Pets
 - Multiple-Meaning Words
 - Middle Sounds
 - More with Money
 - Telling Time
 - Ones, Tens, Hundreds
 - Graphing
 - Earth Science
 - Famous Americans
- Past/Present

Activities:

Jan. 1 Center Closed for New Year's Holiday

Jan. 14 Reptiles Alive 10:15 (2' s & Up)

Jan. 18 Pajama Day

*Starting 1/7 to end of year Lion friends will enjoy "Quiet Time" instead of nap. We will utilize this time by exploring various table-top activities.

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