

Ground Hog Day and Shadows

WELCOME SONG Hello everybody and clap you hands
(use sound cat to find the letter of the day and sing the welcome song)

Come sing a song of winter
Tell the children the groundhog wakes up on
February 2nd and if he sees his shadow he goes back in
his den and there will be six more weeks of winter

BOOKS TO READ

A year of beasts by Ashley Wolff
Goose by Molly Bang
Groundhog stays up late by Margery Cuyler
Tracks in the snow by Wong Herbert Yee
Ground hog gets a say by Pamela Curtis Swallow
Time to sleep by Denise Fleming (use with the flannel board ,
felt characters)
My shadow by Robert Louis Stevenson (J821.8 Ste)
I have a friend by Keiko Narahashi

BIG BOOKS

Sleepy bear (talk about hibernation)

FELT BOARD

Read “Time to sleep” and put the felt characters on
the board while you tell the story starting with bear,
snail, skunk, turtle, woodchuck (groundhog), ladybug,
then bear again

MUSIC

Hibernation is awesome by Mary Lambert (# 11 on
Swinging on a Star)

FINGERPLAYS and RHYMES

How much wood, would a woodchuck chuck
A groundhog lived in a little hole
I’m a little groundhog furry and brown

CIRCLE TIME

Ground hog in the hole (children curled up sleeping)
Ground hog in the hole
Ground hog in the hole
Ground hog out of the hole (children jump up)

CIRCLE TIME *cont.*

The Wake-Up Song (*sung to Twinkle, twinkle little star*)
 (*Have the children curl up in a ball and pretend to be hibernating. As they sing the song, have children slowly uncurl and stand up, then stretch, rub their stomachs, and look around*)

Wake up, groundhog

Time to see

What the weather's

Going to be

Time to stretch

Time to think

Time to eat

And time to drink

Wake up, groundhog

Time to see

What the weather's

Going to be

CRAFTS

Make a groundhog puppet

Make a pop-up groundhog puppet with cup

Colour picture of groundhog sleeping

**OTHER
BOOKS**

Exploring winter by Markle (*J508 Mar*)

Orphan by Faith McNulty (*539.3232 McN*)

Wonders of woodchucks by Sigmund A. Lavine
 (*J599.3232*)

When winter comes by Russell Freedman (*J591.543 Fre*)