

## ***Building a Snowman***

### *A Creative Movement Story*

*Three children looked out the window one Saturday morning to white fluffy snow as far as they could see. They were so excited that they jumped up and down while clapping their hands. They quickly pulled on their snow boots, put their warm winter hat on, grabbed their coat and gloves and skipped out the door. But wait, if we are going to build a snowman, we are going to need some things from inside the house.*

*The children quickly turned around and skipped back into the kitchen and opened the refrigerator door to find a beautiful carrot. One child put the carrot into her (his) coat pocket. They then twirled all the way to the junk drawer and dug through it to find three large buttons. Another child put those into her (his) coat pocket. Then they asked out loud, "Oh my, what are we going to use for the mouth?" They scratched their head and thought for a minute. Red jelly beans will work perfectly so they carefully opened the candy jar and counted out six jelly beans to make the mouth of the snowman. The jelly beans went into the coat pocket of the third child.*

*The children excitedly skipped out the house again. Once they were in the yard, they began to work together to roll the snow into a huge ball. They each worked hard to add more snow to the lowest layer of their snowman. Once that was done, they started rolling a medium sized ball of snow. They all three carefully picked up the medium sized snow ball and placed it on top of the large ball of snow. They then were able to roll the head of the snowman very quickly. They again worked together to pick up the smallest ball of snow and placed it on top of the body of their snowman. The children then used their hands to smooth out all the snow of their snowman.*

*Now, it was time to decorate their snowman. The child with the three buttons placed them on the chest of the snowman (the medium sized snow ball). The child with the six red jelly beans formed the mouth of the snowman on the top snow ball, and the child with the carrot added the nose. But they were missing several items, the eyes, the arms, and the hat.*

*Each child skipped off in a different direction looking for one of the needed items. They all returned holding one of the missing items and each took their turn carefully placing their special item onto their snowman. Two sticks were placed for arms, two pieces of charcoal were placed for eyes, and the top hat was placed on the snowman's head. They all three stepped back and admired their amazing snowman.*

*Something was still missing, but what? They felt it needed a red scarf, so all three children took their scarves off of their necks and each took a turn wrapping their red scarf around their snowman. All three children stepped back one more time to take an admiring look and suddenly the snowman began to move and shake. It was alive! **(Start the music)** The three children happily danced and twirled around their friend, the snowman.*

*Oh no, not the sun! As the sun grew brighter and brighter, the snowman began to melt from the heat of the sun as the children giggled and pretended to also melt into the ground along with their new friend.*