Senses of Snow	
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Discipline / Subject: Science/Matter	
Topic: Snow	
Grade Level: 2, 3, 4	
Resources / References / Materials Teacher Needs:	
Snow or crushed ice	
Plastic Bag	
Paper Bag	
Lesson Summary:	
Use the 5 senses to describe snow.	
Standard's Addressed: (Local, State, or National) Wisconsin State Standards for Science 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
1. D.4.1 Understand that objects are made of more than one substance, by observing, describing and measuring the properties of earth materials, including properties of size, weight, shape, color, temperature, and the ability to react with other substances	
2. D.4.2 Group and/or classify objects and materials	substances based on the properties of earth
3. D.4.3. Understand that substances can exist in different states-solid, liquid, gas	
Learning Objectives:	Method of assessment for learning
Describe Snow using the 5 senses.	Teacher Observation

**Procedural Activities** 

- 1. Teacher put snow or crushed ice in a ziplock bag and put that bag in a paper bag.
- 2. Show the paper bag and ask students what is inside record guesses.
- 3. Next have students feel bag once again record guesses.
- 4. Without looking, have students feel what's inside. (I told them not to blurt out what they thought it was.)
- 5. Next pull out the plastic bag. By now they know it is snow or crushed ice.
- 6. Discuss the physical properties of snow.
- 7. Using all 5 senses, describe snow.
- 8. To record our results we used The Printing Press at

http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/printingpress-30036.html

Materials Students Need: Whatever needed to record results.

Technology Utilized to Enhance Learning: <u>http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/printing-press-30036.html</u>

**Other Information:** 

Are there 50 words for snow in the Eskimo vocabulary? You decide if you understand the article at Wikipedia:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eskimo\_words\_for\_snow

A better argument can be found in a Washington Post article: <u>http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2013-01-14/national/36344037\_1\_eskimo-words-snow-inuit</u>

Middle & HS students could do an entire study on the 50 Words For Snow. Modifications for Special Learners/ Enrichment Opportunities:

One-on-one help if needed.



