

THE SKATING RINK

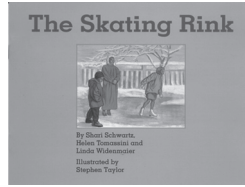
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Set 5 – 132 words

Building Anticipation – Setting the Context

Encourage the children to recall times when they have been skating. Where do you go to skate? Who goes with you? Have you ever skated on an outdoor rink? How would you make an outdoor rink? Record the children's ideas on chart paper. Save the ideas.



Introduce the book and guide the children through a book-walk. Before they start reading, focus the children's attention on strategies they can use when they come to an unknown word.

Discussion – Book Talk

Why wouldn't Jason skate? How does Dad help him solve this problem? Compare the children's ideas for making a rink with the method used by Linda's dad. What was the same? What was different?

Creative Response – Independent Practice

Children can:

- make a tiny artificial rink by placing a small pan or baking tray in the freezer. Once the rink is frozen, retell the story using puppets or Plasticine figures.
- put the steps in order for making an outdoor rink and draw a picture of themselves skating on it. (see reproducible master)
- list the conditions necessary to create a backyard rink.
- write a story about going skating with their family.

Read-Aloud Connection

Learning About Language - Focused Teaching		
High Frequency Words	Today, making	Find these words in the book.
Letters and Letter Clusters	<i>ch</i> — chair <i>pl</i> — play <i>g</i> — get, go, good, going	Introduce the sound made by <i>ch</i> . Brainstorm to create a list of words beginning with <i>ch</i> .
Rhymes and Word Families	rink, pink, sink, think air, chair, hair, fair ran, can, fan, man	Use movable letters to manipulate the rimes <i>ink</i> , <i>air</i> , and <i>an</i> .
Word Endings	<i>er</i> — water <i>ing</i> — going making skating <i>s</i> — skates	
Compound Words	Today	Find this word in the book. Practice writing the word on an erasable board. Use it in a sentence.

Sam The Zamboni Man by James Stevenson. Greenwillow Books, 1998.

- When Matt visits his grandfather who operates the Zamboni at the hockey rink, Matt becomes the youngest Zamboni driver.

The Moccasin Goalie by William Brownridge. Orca Books, 1995.

- The three children in the story live for hockey. When Mr. Matteau starts a town hockey team, they long to make the team.

Correct the Order

Let's make a skating rink.

Number the steps in the correct order.

Have fun skating.

Water the rink every day.

Make the snow flat.

Get your skates.

Draw a picture of you skating on your rink.

