

# Ideas Galore!



# The Mitten Extension Activities

## Language

- Following directions- Hand out colored mittens. Say "Blue mittens stand up, Green mittens go to this corner", etc.
- Assign each student an animal from The Mitten. Use a visual organizer, such as a web or Inspiration software, to report on each animal. Discuss the animal's noise, fur, shape of tail, size of ears, the way it moves, where it lives, what it eats, etc. Then have students compare and contrast animals
- Compare and contrast the different versions of The Mitten and similar winter stories.
- Match names of animals to pictures of animals.
- Concepts In/Out- Place animals in the white felt mitten; take them in/out.
- Imaginative Writing "My mitten is so big that a \_\_\_\_\_ (house, car, computer, etc.) could fit in it."
- Mystery Mittens: put toy cars, plastic animals, office supplies, in the mitten. Have students feel the item, describe it and guess.

## Gross Motor

- Imitate movements of the animals
- Mitten relay race. Run to partner, put on/take off mittens.

## Fine Motor

- Lace mittens- Punch holes around a mitten (on tag board) and have students use yarn to lace.
- Tear bits of colored paper and paste onto mitten.
- Try on mittens of different sizes
- Hang mittens on a clothesline with clothes pins
- Turn mitten inside out to find a hidden animal
- Punch holes around the edge of mitten using a paper punch
- Stack pairs of mittens; tie with yarn, plastic hair bands, Velcro strips, etc.
- Wrap mittens (like a present) with scissors, tape, and paper and/or unwrap.

### **Art**

- Decorate mittens with puffy paint, sequins, pastels, glitter, sponge paint, etc. Then display on a clothesline in the classroom.

### **Music**

- Little Nicki Had a Mitten, EIEIO, and in this mitten there was a mouse, EIEIO, with a squeak, squeak...

### **Science**

- Blow up a balloon and compare it to the mitten. Talk about "What will happen if we blow it up more...?"
- Talk about animals in the winter.

### **Math**

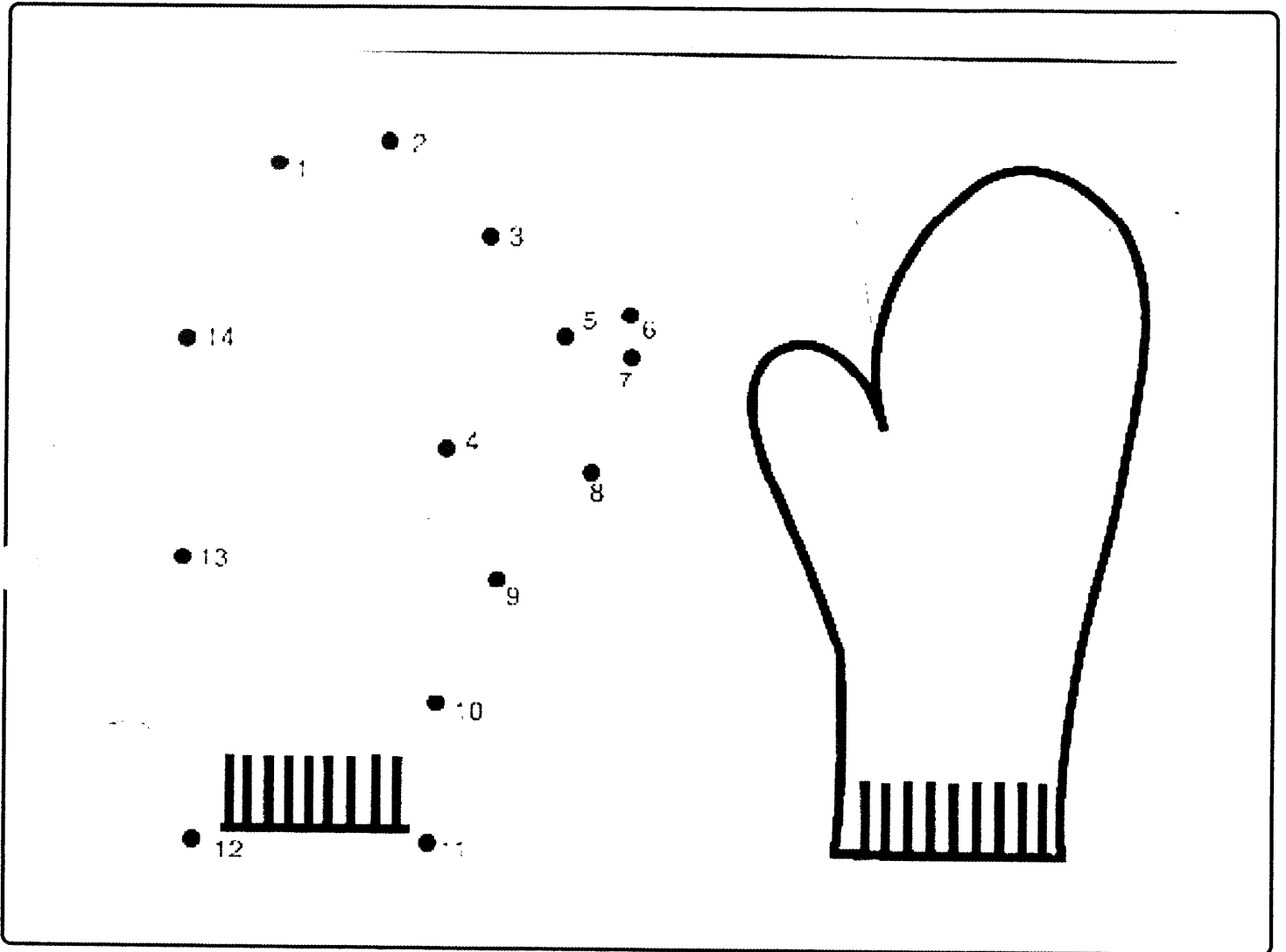
- Mitten Puzzles- match number, color, etc. concepts
- Folder game: stack blocks on mittens labeled with numbers. Then "Ah Chew!" Knock them down.
- Match mitten patterns or textures
- Sort left and right mittens
- Connect mittens that match with glue and yarn, wikki sticks, markers, etc.
- Sort mittens by size
- Sequence animals by size
- Fill mittens with inch cubes and then compare volume size (more/less)

### **Theatre**

- Act out the story. Hide behind a big paper mitten and tear apart at the end.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Find the number 1 to start. Draw lines to as many numbers in succession as possible. Label the picture.



This is a:

