



Objective: Students will create a snow globe using clay, ribbon and a baby food jar.

Materials:

- Glass baby food jar with lid (cleaned with labels removed)
- Sculpey oven bake clay - white
- Water
- Glycerin
- Glitter
- Yarn or ribbon
- Sharpie - black
- Hot Glue

Materials

(con't):

- Book *Snowmen at Night* by Caralyn Buehner

Vocabulary:

- *Form* - a three-dimensional geometric figure or sculpture in art, one of the Elements of Art.

National Visual Arts Standards:

- Applying media and techniques.
- Understanding the visual arts in relation to history and cultures.
- Reflecting upon and assessing the characteristics and merits of their work and the work of others.
- Making connections between visual arts and other disciplines.

Directions:

1. Read students the book *Snowmen at Night*.
2. Talk with students about the shapes used to make a snowman.
3. Have students make 4 balls of clay: 1 large ball of clay, 2 medium balls of clay and 1 small ball of clay.
4. Press one medium ball of clay into the lid of the baby food jar to create a base.
5. Stack the other 3 balls of clay, starting with the largest ball at the bottom, followed by the medium ball then the smallest ball on top. Press together.
6. Bake lid and clay together according to directions on Sculpey clay (do not cook with glass jar attached).
7. Once cool, use a Sharpie to add dots for eyes, nose and mouth.
8. Tie a piece of yarn around neck for a scarf.
9. Fill baby food jar with glitter. Add water and add a few drops of glycerin.
10. Attach lid to jar then add a bead of hot glue around edge to secure. Glue or tie ribbon to finish.

Variations & Extensions:

1. Use a larger glass jar (jelly jars, olive jars etc) for the snow globe.
2. Have students draw a snowman picture inspired by the book *Snowmen at Night*.

Common Core Connections:

- Ask and answer questions on who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details.
- Compare and contrast two works with similar themes or similar styles.
- Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style.