

Children's Winter Reading Challenge Activity Resources

Oompa-Loompa Badge:

Activity 1: Make a sweet treat

Make your own favorite recipe or try this no-bake version of a yummy Willy Wonka Bar:

Ingredients:

½ cup butter or margarine, melted
1 cup peanut butter
½ box powdered sugar

1 ½ packages graham crackers,
crushed
1 12 oz. package chocolate chips
2 T. margarine or ¼ cup milk

Directions:

- Combine the margarine or butter, peanut butter, powdered sugar & graham cracker crumbs in a large bowl.
- Press the mixture into an 8" x 8" pan.
- Melt the chocolate chips with either the 2 tablespoons of margarine or the milk over low heat or in the microwave for 30 seconds at a time.
- Spread the melted chocolate over the graham cracker mixture and refrigerate until firm.
- Cut into small squares to serve. Store in the refrigerator.

Credit: Food.com (with minor edits)

Activity 2: Carry out a simple science experiment with candy

Sink or Float with mini candy bars: Predict which unwrapped candy bars will sink or float in water and then test your hypothesis. The science - anything denser than water will sink.

For more ideas, find books in the library by searching for "candy science experiments."

Activity 6: Make a simple bird feeder

Spread peanut butter on a pinecone and roll it in birdseed. Tie on some jute and hang.

Thread fresh or dried fruit and plain, unsalted popcorn on a wooden skewer, pipe cleaner or florist wire. Pipe cleaners and florist wire can be bent into shapes. Tie on jute for hanging.

Egg Candy Badge:

Activity 3: Take a First Day Hike

Montgomery Bell State Park will offer a guided First Day Hike from 10:00 – 11:00 on January 1.

Other parks in Williamson County – Pinkerton, Winstead Hill, Timberland, Bowie Nature Park

Activity 5: Random Acts of Kindness Day

Compliment someone, wave at kids on the school bus, talk to someone new at school. For lots more ideas, visit coffeecupsandcrayons.com and search "100 Acts of Kindness."

Activity 6: Be a Community Helper

Host a "Give Back" party where guests bring donations.

Say "Thank You" to first responders with a care package and card.

Visit brisbanekids.com and search "40 Ways for Kids to Give Back to Their Community" for ideas.