

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EP 122 Snow Friend
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Elinor's Question: How can I make the snow stickier?

Logline: Elinor and her friends want to build "snow-friends" but the snow isn't sticky enough.

ES1. Understand that the Earth is made up of a variety of natural materials. a. Explore and describe the characteristics of earth materials such as sand, rocks, soil, water, and air b. Explore water and other Earth materials during play using simple tools. (Elinor and her friends explore the characteristics of snow and.)

SEP6. Constructing explanations (science) and Designing Solutions (engineering) a. Use background knowledge experiences, and data to construct reasonable explanations and theories of natural phenomena (science) b. Look for and describe patterns and relationships in natural phenomena (science) c. Use and apply productive science discourse to support an explanation d. Use evidence to support a theory or solution to a problem (engineering) (Elinor observes that when the weather is colder the snow doesn't stick together and she and her friends figure out that to make the snow stickier, they should warm it up.)

LINE COUNT: 113

MAINS: Elinor, Ari, Olive

SECONDARY: Elinor's Mom, Olive's Mom.

LOCATIONS: Olives's house, interior and exterior, Elinor's room, Elinor Kitchen.

PROPS: Plastic buckets, boot tray, wood stove - snow!

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START ON: The shining sun. PAN DOWN TO: It's a sunny, mild winter day and a bunch of kids (the winter team as necessary - SALLY, MARY, LIZZIE, ROLLIE, BODIE) are in the field having a blast building with the sticky snow! They're making all kinds of snow things - snow forts, snow slides, and lots and lots of snow-balls. <DESIGN NOTE: this is the same location as "The Science of Staying Warm">

1 ELINOR 1
What a beautiful day! It's so warm
it doesn't even feel like winter.

ARI
Whoaaa! Look at all the snow-
building!

6 ELINOR 6
And everything's made out of snow.
That's soo cool!

She forms a little snow-ball.

9 OLIVE (CONT'D) 9
The snow is extra-sticky today!

She hands the small snowball to Elinor.

10 ELINOR 10
Wow, you're right, Olive, it really
sticks together...watch this!

Elinor demo's her snow-ball rolling technique.

11 ELINOR (CONT'D) 11
See how the snowball picks up more
snow when you roll it around!

12 ARI 12
(in awe)
Whoa. The snowball is making
itself.

13 OLIVE 13
Because the snow is so sticky. Look
at this.

Olive takes a plastic bucket from a small selection of sand
toys in a bin beside her house. She fills it with snow and
turns it over - a perfect cylinder.

14 ARI 14
A snow-castle!

15 OLIVE 15
It's like we're at the snow-beach.

16 ARI 16
Neat! You can really make things
out of sticky snowhoooooaa!

At that moment Elinor accidentally rolls her snowball right
into Ari.

17 ARI (CONT'D) 17
Whoops!

He does a little flip, lands perfectly in his snow bat, then
bounces to his feet.

18 ARI (CONT'D) 18
Ta-dah! I meant to do that.

19 OLIVE 19
(giggling)
Smooth move Ari.

He does a little bow.

20 ARI 20
Why, thank you.

21 ELINOR 21
Sorry Ari, my snowball got away
from me. It's getting so BIG.

ANGLE ON: the snowball has rolled a little way off, maybe down a small hill.

22 ARI 22

That IS a big snowball!

23 OLIVE 23
What are you going to do with it,
Elinor?

24 ELINOR 24
Hmmm, I'm not sure. <GASP!> I have
an idea - let's make a SNOW FRIEND!

ARI

Yes! The biggest snow friend EVER!!

QUICK SNOW-FRIEND MAKING MONTAGE

Elinor, Ari and Olive roll their first snowball around as much as they can, until it's basically too big to move. (NOTE: As the kids roll the snow-ball around they are picking up ALL the snow and leaving grassy patches). They <SX: EFFORTS GRUNT> as they struggle to move it one last time, and collapse around it <SFX: GIGGLING>.

CROSSFADE TO:

Olive, Ari and Elinor are working on their second snowball. It's about 1/2 the size of the first one, but still big. They roll it to the bigger ball and roll it up the side and set it in place on top. NOTE: we don't see the full thing yet.

END MONTAGE.

Olive Elinor and Ari are admiring their work, eyes wide.
<SFX: WHOOOA WALLA>

ANGLE ON: Their creation, two snowballs stacked on top of the other, quite a bit bigger than they are.

26 OLIVE 26
Now that's the biggest Snow Friend
I've ever seen!

27 ARI 27
That's not JUST a Snow Friend, it's
a snow GIANT!!
(movie music)
Duh--duh-DUH!!!!
(big voice)
Here's the GIANT snow giant
stomping around the WORLD!
(Ari stomps around)
Boom-boom-BOOM!

28 OLIVE 28
Uh, Ari...

29 ARI 29
What?

30 ELINOR 30
(giggling)
Our Snow Giant can't stomp anywhere
yet.

31 OLIVE 31
(laughing)
He doesn't have a head.

32 ARI 32
Oh, right! One giant snow head
coming up...wha-oh.

Ari looks around, puzzled.

WIDEN TO REVEAL: there is mostly grass and not much snow.

33 ELINOR 33
We used up all the snow!

34 ARI 34
Now what are we going to do?

35 OLIVE 35
We can't have a Snow Giant without
a head - how would he smile?

36 ARI 36
(excited)
And STOMP!! We need MORE SNOW! And
we need it NOW!
(regular voice)
So, where are we gonna get it?

37 OLIVE 37
Well, it *is* winter.

38 ELINOR 38
So we just have to wait for it to
start snowing.

[illegible]

They wait for a beat, Ari anxiously watching the blue sky.

40 ARI (CONT'D) 40
No snow yet.

Another beat.

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41                                ARI (CONT'D)                                41
Still no snow.
      (to the sky)
SEND SOME SNOW PLEASE!!!

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Suddenly Olive Mom calls from OS.

42	OLIVE'S MOM (O.S.)	42
	Oooolive! Time to come in for dinner!	

43 OLIVE 43
Oh, that's my mom.

44 ELINOR 44
I'd better go home too.

45	ARI	45
	Wait, what? We can't leave! Our snow giant has no head!	

OLIVE

We'll finish it tomorrow Ari.

47 ELINOR 47
If there's more snow.

2. INT. ELINOR'S ROOM - NIGHT

Elinor is lying in bed looking out the window.

48 ELINOR 48
Oh please start snowing. Please,
please, please...

Her eyes close. She starts to <SFX: GENTLY SNOOOORE> ANGLE
ON: The window, it starts to snow.

3. INT. ELINOR'S ROOM - THE NEXT MORNING

Elinor bounds out of bed and hops to the window.

49	ELINOR	49
	YES!! SNOW! Now we can finish our Snow Giant.	

4. INT. ELINOR'S KITCHEN - MORNING

Elinor is wolfing down her breakfast with her Mom.

50	RANGER RABBIT	50
	What's the rush, Elinor?	

51	ELINOR	51
	I have to get to Olive's house. We're making a SNOW GIANT!	

52	RANGER RABBIT	52
	A snow giant! Sounds impressive. Well, you'd better wear your hat. It's quite a bit colder out there today than it was yesterday.	

Elinor hops OS.

5. EXT. OLIVE'S HOUSE - DAY

Elinor (wearing her winter outfit) rushes to Olive's front yard where she meets up with Ari and Olive (also in winter gear) running from different directions.

53	OLIVE	53
	Whoaaa! Look at all the snow!!!	

54	ARI	54
	We can make our snow giant THREE heads.	

55	ELINOR	55
	We only need one head to start, Ari. Olive, can you make a snowball please?	

56	OLIVE	56
	With pleasure.	

Olive picks up some snow in her trunk, but immediately runs into problems. The snow just falls apart and flutters to the ground.

57 OLIVE (CONT'D) 57
Oh! Better try that again.

She scoops up more snow - the same thing happens, the snow-ball crumbles and falls to the ground.

58 OLIVE (CONT'D) 58
That's weird. This NEW snow won't stick together - it just falls apart.

59 ARI 59
What's going on - why is the snow so different from yesterday?

60 ELINOR 60
Hmmm. I'm not sure.

She picks up a mitt-full of snow. ECU: Of the powdery pile of snow in Elinor's mitt.

61 ELINOR (CONT'D) 61
It LOOKS pretty much the same.

62 OLIVE 62
Yes, but try to make a ball.

Elinor squeezes the snow in her hands - it pops out the sides, powdering Ari in the face.

63 ELINOR 63
Whoops! Sorry, Ari!

64 ARI 64
(laughing)
That's okay Elinor.

He wipes his face off.

65 ARI (CONT'D) 65
Brrrr, that's really cold.

66 ELINOR 66
Yeah, my Mum said it's much colder outside today than it was yesterday.

The kids are starting to shiver. <SFX: chattering>

67 OLIVE 67
(chattering)
Anybody feel like going in for some hot chocolate?

68 ELINOR/ARI 68
(chattering)
Yes, please!

6. INT. OLIVE'S HOUSE - DAY

Olive's Mom has bundled the kids in blankets on the couch, and they each hold a mug of hot chocolate.

69 ELINOR 69
Oooh, this is cozy.

70 OLIVE 70
Thanks, Mom!

71 OLIVE'S MOM 71
You're welcome kids. It IS really
cold out there. Let me put another
log on the fire.

Olive's Mom puts a log on the fire and closes the door to the wood stove.

72 OLIVE'S MOM (CONT'D) 72
Now I'll put your boots here so
they warm up. You kids keep away
from the fire - it's hot.

Olive's Mom puts the snowy boots on a mat a SAFE DISTANCE from the wood stove, then she goes off.

73 ELINOR 73
I wonder why that snow outside
didn't stick together?

74 ARI 74
It sure stuck yesterday.

75 ELINOR 75
That's true. Hmmm. What's the
difference between today and
yesterday?

76 OLIVE 76
Well one thing is for sure, it's a
lot colder today. I had to wear my
heavy snow clothes outside.

77 ELINOR 77
I wonder if that's the difference.
It was warmer yesterday.

78 ARI 78
Too bad we don't have any snow now -
it's sure toasty in here.

79 ELINOR 79
Wait a minute Ari, we do! We have
snow on our boots!

Elinor hops off the couch and heads over to the boot tray (NOT near the fire).

80 ELINOR (CONT'D) 80
Oh, look! There's snow AND water
in the boot tray - that's SO
INTERESTING.

81 ARI 81
Water? I don't remember any water
on my boots. Only snow.

82 ELINOR 82
You're right Ari. We need more
observations.

Elinor picks up a good-sized clump of snow and holds it in her hand.

SCIENCE ECU: The snow now a has a little blue water on the edges.

83 ELINOR (CONT'D) 83
This snow feels different from the
snow outside - it's a little wet.
And look, it's melting a bit.

84 OLIVE 84
Maybe that's because its close to
the fire. Snow melts when it gets
warm, right?

85 ARI 85
So that's where the water's coming
from. The melting snow.

86 ELINOR 86
Hm-mm. Lets see if this snow is any
stickier. Olive?

Elinor hands the snow to Olive who uses her trunk to make a snowball.

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88 OLIVE 88
 Yep, one perfect Snowball!

89 ELINOR 89
 (realizing)
 That's IT! If we're gonna finish
 our Snow Giant, we need warmer
 snow!

90 ARI 90
 So what do we do? Build our Snow
 Giant in the house?

THOUGHT BUBBLE shows the Snow Giant in the house, maybe posed
 playing a Board Game with the kids (I was going to say
 watching TV but I realized, this is Ep. 122 and we've never
 shown a TV. That' sooo iiinteresting!)

91 OLIVE 91
 Maybe, but it's pretty big.

92 ELINOR 92
 Besides, it's really warm in here
 compared to outside. Our Snow Giant
 would melt.

THOUGHT BUBBLE: Shows the Snow Giant melting, then the bubble
 POPS!

93 ARI 93
 That's no good.

94 ELINOR 94
 Hmmmmmm. <GASP> I've got it!!
 Instead of bringing the Snow Giant
 inside, we'll just bring some *snow*
 inside and warm it up.

95 OLIVE 95
 Right. Then the snow will melt
 just a little.

96 ELINOR 96
 And get sticky. Like the snow in
 the boot-tray!

97 OLIVE 97
 Then we can bring it outside where
 it's still cold.

98 ARI 98
 And finish our snow giant!

BUCKET BRIGADE MONTAGE:

A quick montage of Elinor, Ari and Olive forming a bucket brigade of play pails to warm up the snow. Elinor and Ari are outside, while Olive remains at the door. Ari scoops up snow in a bucket, hands it to Elinor who runs to Olive, Olive takes the snow inside and puts it near (but not too near) the fire.

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ELINOR/ARI/OLIVE

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*Elinor: Yesterday was warm,
And the snow could really stick
Olive: Today it is colder and
It doesn't stick a bit.*

*Ari: We'll bring the snow inside,
Where it's nice and toasty, then -
Elinor: We'll wait for it to melt a
bit, then take it out again*

ANGLE ON: The snow melting in the buckets. WIDEN TO REVEAL: Olive is watching, she grabs the two buckets and runs to the door and opens it. Ari's there with two MORE buckets of snow, they exchange buckets, and Olive closes the door and runs back to the fire.

*ALL: Warm up the snow!
Warm up the snow!
Make the snow sticky
And we're good to go!
Warm up the snow!
Warm up the snow!
We can build anything
When we warm up the snow.*

OUTSIDE: Ari and Elinor are standing beside a good-sized pile of melty snow (maybe its a little bluer). Olive runs out in full winter gear, she scoops up a snowball - it works! Elinor takes it, puts it down and starts rolling, as the snowball gets bigger Ari and Olive join in.

*Elinor: Our Snow Friend isn't
finished
We have to make his head!
Olive: So if we can't use cold,
cold snow,
We'll warm it up instead.
Ari: When snow gets wet and sticky
We can make a good snowball,
Elinor: Then put it on our Snow
Friend*

Ari flutters up with the head and balances it in place.

Wow, he's really tall!

(MORE)

ELINOR/ARI/OLIVE (CONT'D)

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END MONTAGE:

EXT. OLIVE'S FRONT YARD - DAY

The kids are admiring their creation (Note: He doesn't have a face yet).

100	ELINOR/ARI/OLIVE	100
	Woooooow!	

101	ELINOR	101
	Now that's what I call a GIANT snow giant.	

102	ARI	102
	He's so big he could crush cars and houses and mountains!! (he starts stomping around) BOOOM! BOOM!!! BOOM!! BOOM!	

Elinor and Olive look at each other and smile.

103	ELINOR	103
	Uh, Ari, our Snow Giant would never do that.	

104	ARI	104
	Why not?	

105	OLIVE	105
	He's friendly!	

She stretches up her trunk and draws eyes and a big smile.
Ari shrugs.

106	ARI	106
	Oh! O.k. That works too.	

Ari flutters up and puts the bucket on the Snow Friend's head.

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ARI (CONT'D)
How's it going, giant friendly Snow
Friend.

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ANGLE ON: He perches on it's shoulder and give the Snow
Friend a hug.

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ARI (CONT'D)
Awww. I think he really likes me.

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Elinor and Olive <SFX: LAUGH>

IRIS OUT, THE END