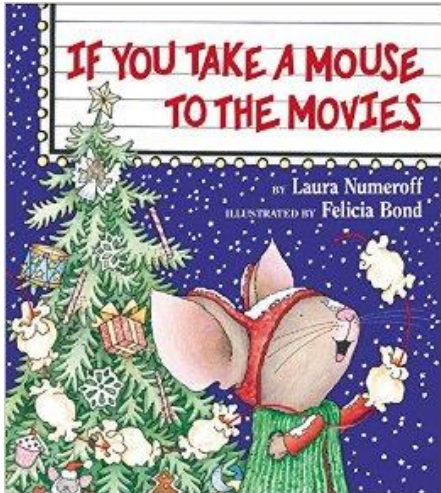


DECEMBER



December's book choice is **If You Take a Mouse to the Movies** written by Laura Numeroff and illustrated by Felicia Bond. This cute cause-and-effect story begins with mouse going to the movies and wanting popcorn. When he gets popcorn, he wants to make a popcorn string out of it. Then he wants to hang the popcorn string on a Christmas tree, and so on. Eventually the mouse ends up back at the movies but not after experiencing some delightful Holiday traditions with the boy.

Questions:

Where does the boy take the mouse? to the movies

What does the mouse want? popcorn

What does the mouse want to make with the popcorn? a popcorn string

Where does he want to put the popcorn string? on the Christmas tree

What does the mouse **do** in the yard? build a snowman, build a snow fort

What does the mouse **do** after he builds the snow fort? throw snowballs

Where does the mouse go when he gets cold? inside

What does he **do**? curls up in a blanket

What does the mouse make with paper and glue? ornaments

Where does he put the ornaments? on the Christmas tree

Story vocabulary:

Characters: mouse, boy

Nouns: popcorn, Christmas tree, carrot, snowman, snowballs, couch, blanket, radio, ornaments, paper, glue, glitter

Action words: hang, build, sing, listen, find

Descriptive words: cold, cozy, nice

Extension activities:

- make popcorn
- watch a holiday movie
- make paper ornaments
- build a snowman (weather permitting)
- if the weather does not cooperate, make a paper snowman or a virtual snowman with this app: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/make-a-snowman/id405989751?mt=8>
- sing holiday songs