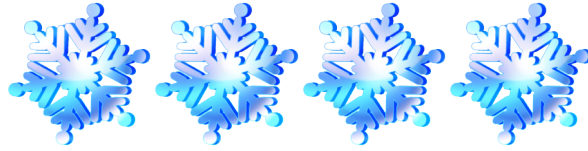


## Winter Waits ~ Learning Activities



· Greg Couch included many references to things that tell time in the illustrations of *Father Time*. Find all the "time" objects that make up *Father Time* and learn how each tells time. For example, *Father Time* has a sundial nose. Sundials tell time by using the length and location of the dial's shadow in the sunlight. What other "time" parts are on *Father Time* and how do they tell time?

· Usually, authors are not allowed to tell illustrators of their books what to draw and how to draw—the illustrators want to use their own imaginations (which is fair since authors don't want anyone to tell them how to write their stories). But sometimes, if the words to a story do not clearly say what should be happening in the pictures, then the author can write a note to the illustrator on the story's manuscript. Such was the case for the page of *Winter Waits* when the son gives his father a gift. The words didn't say what the gift was; and so, Lynn wrote a note to illustrator, Greg Couch, saying: "The gift should be the most beautiful snowflake in the world. No pressure, Greg!" Greg Couch certainly delivered with an incredibly beautiful snowflake that looks like intricate, radiant lace with soft pink, blue, and yellow threads interwoven. Try creating your own beautiful snowflake. Use whatever materials you want—cut one out of folded paper and sprinkle it with glitter, or form one out of white clay and add beads to it, or draw one with pastel chalks onto black construction paper, or whatever. Use your imagination and have fun!

· *Winter Waits* has a pattern in the story that repeats over and over—that is, Winter does a winter activity (i.e., painting the world in frost, making ice sculptures) each time he waits for his father to finish working. Add to the pattern of this story—think of another winter activity that Winter could do while waiting for his father. Write the words and draw an illustration to go with your new part of the story.

· If Winter's mom is Mother Earth and his dad is Father Time, who do you think his grandparents are? Would they be a part of nature? Write or tell a story about Winter and his grandparents.

