Read *Got to Get to Bear’s!* by Brian Lies. It is about a chipmunk who, in spite of bad weather, sets off to Bear's den in response to an urgent request from his friend in need.

Write down a simple recipe for birthday cake. This makes a connection for children that print is useful.

Tell stories about experiences with snowstorms. Ask various family members and friends to relate their encounters with big snowstorms.

Sing songs about friendship including the one in the story. Use egg shakers to keep the beat and to strengthen children’s hands for writing.

The characters in the story had to overcome obstacles to get to Bear’s den. Make an obstacle course for children.

Explore Early Literacy Practices: Read, write, talk, sing and play with children every day! When you engage in these practices regularly, you help young children develop essential early literacy skills that prepare them for reading and learning.

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