

Whining, 'I'm Bored!'

Restless, whiny, picking on siblings, transforming into screen zombies

Are they hungry?

WHEN AREN'T THEY HUNGRY?

I ALREADY TRIED THAT ONE.

Polar bear snack. Use a rice cake, two banana slices, cottage cheese, a pair of raisins and an Oreo to make this cute recipe, by twigglemagazine.com.

OR

Play with your food. Whip up some edible playdough ice cream with help from smartschoolhouse.com.

THEY'RE PRACTICALLY PICASSOS!

Artsy?

NOPE, SCIENCE-Y.

TRY "COMPETITIVE."

Lounge around. For \$5, enjoy a 90-minute, unplugged board game sesh at Plymouth's 3&UP Board Game Lounge.

OR

Beat The Parents. This game by Imagination pits kids ages 6-plus against parents to find out who's really the boss. Buy it for under \$20.

OR

Hedbanz. Strap a card to your head and see if you can guess what it is in this wacky \$20 find by Spin Master Games, prime for tweens.

Shall we take the art show to go?

NO CLEANUP? SIGN ME UP.

IT'S TOO DARN COLD.

Do the DIA. Check out *Bitter!Sweet: Coffee, Tea & Chocolate*, the first "five senses" exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts till March 5. Watch for kids workshops and shows on weekends, too.

OR

Make something. Register for a themed painting class at The Friendship Factory, including ballerinas Jan. 6 (in Rochester) and a Super Bowl piece Jan. 20 (Clinton Township).

OR

Little Picassos. For kids ages 20 months to elementary school, sign up for an art class at Abakadoodle in Canton.

Dress it up. Search the attic for old dresses, shoes, hats and jewelry to gussy up like icy royalty or even the abominable snowman.

OR

Room-temp snowmen. Stick magnets to the backs of white foam circles to make fridge-door snowmen (thanks to livingwellmom.com).

OR

Non-melting snowballs. A cup of liquid starch, a cup of Elmer's glue and a bit of warm running water is all you need to make the bouncy snowballs. Find the how-to at coffeecupsandcrayons.com.

Does your kitchen double as a lab?

I'LL GRAB MY WHITE COAT.

NOT A CHANCE.

Cold as ice. Pick up an ice cube with a piece of string – without tying a knot. Google it to learn how.

OR

Spark some fun. Shut off all the lights, munch a Wint-O-Green Life-Savers in the dark and see what happens.

OR

More experiments. Did you miss Metro Parent's online science camp? Log on to make smartphone speakers, elephant toothpaste and more.

Creatures of Light. Hurry to Michigan Science Center in Detroit to catch this glow-in-the-dark critter exhibit by Jan 15.

OR

Math Mayhem. Walk through a single sheet of paper and master life-sized 3D puzzles at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum Jan. 28-29.

OR

King Tut! Save the date: Cranbrook Institute of Science's next exhibit opens Feb. 3. Meanwhile swing by to dig into the ice age and more.