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Winter Isn't So Bad!

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In case you haven't noticed, it's cold outside! Many people want to hibernate like the bears. Some people don't even want to come to school. It's so much easier to stay inside with a cup of tea than to put on all those layers and brave the Arctic winds. But what happens if you stay inside all the time? You get restless and depressed and irritable. You snap at your kids, and after awhile you don't feel like doing anything. This is my advice. Go outside and find something fun to do. You'll be surprised to see how many other people are outside having fun.

To enjoy the snow or ice, you need at least one of the following: a toboggan, a pair of ice skates, a pair of snow shoes or a pair of skis. You can ski or snow shoe anywhere in Ottawa or in the Gatineau. There are lots of trails to follow. There are also many toboggan hills, but the best one is Conroy Pit near Hunt Club. The best place for ice skating is the Rideau Canal. It's the world's longest skating rink. Be sure to check the condition of the ice. A green flag means good; a yellow flag means not very good; a red flag means danger—don't skate. The best time to go skating is early in the morning. The canal isn't crowded, and the ice is smooth because they flood it with water every night.

None of these activities costs much money. You can get used skates and skis at stores that sell outdoor equipment. You can also rent skates and skis. It's free to skate on the canal, although sometimes they ask for donations. Cross-country skiing, snow shoeing and tobogganing are also free in Ottawa.

So, there's no excuse for staying inside. Get out and enjoy the winter! Take a thermos of hot chocolate, wrap yourself up like a mummy, and do something active. Maybe I'll see you there. I'm there with the funny hat!