Elements: Shape & Value (shading)
Principles: Emphasis
Materials:

☐ 9” x 9” gray construction paper
☐ 9” x 12” white construction paper
☐ Small amounts of colored paper (brown, orange, scarf colors)
☐ Blue peeled crayons for shading
☐ Crayons (including white)
☐ Scissors
☐ Glue sticks
Instructions:

1. Read *Snowmen at Night* by Caralyn Buehner, or a snow story of your choice.

2. Tell the students that they will be making snowman art by cutting out three circles: small – medium - large. **Display the sample art** and show students that they will be shading the edge of the circles using a blue peeled crayon.

3. Show students how to **cut out circles using folded paper for symmetry**.

4. Model how to **use the crayon to add shading**. Pick up the blue peeled crayon with a “Lego hand” (fingers together, thumb opposed) to prepare to gently rub shading on the outside of their circles.

5. **Have students cut their three circles out**, making sure they can see each circle when they’re stacked atop one another. Then have them **shade the outsides of their circles**.

6. **Glue** large and medium circles down onto background paper in the center to create emphasis on the snowman. He is the focal point of the art.

7. Have students **cut out 2 stick arms and 2 scarf pieces**, then color or shade them as desired.

8. **Glue the arms and scarf, followed by the smallest circle**, which is the head.

9. Use black crayon to **add eyes and smile**, then finish the snowman’s face by cutting out a **carrot nose** (shade or color if desired) and gluing it on.

10. **Add snow swirls or flakes** to the background paper.

11. Have students put their name on the back of their art and help clean up paper scraps.

**OPTION:** Create large, medium, and small circle templates, to trace and use for snowman circles.