
“Snowflakes, New Paths & Bright Ideas”

A FRESH START IN THE VALLEY

The New Year has arrived! Snow blankets the hills, and the River of Promise glimmers under pale sunlight. Gnome Otto reminds everyone: “January is perfect for discovering new paths, trying new crafts, and sharing warm stories with friends.”

GNOME AD’S NEW YEAR PUZZLE

“I collected 50 icicles. Gnome Ess took 12, Gnome Ore used 8 to decorate Grace Cottage, and I found 5 more. How many do I have now?”

Drop your answer in the **Winter Wonder Box** outside the bakery by January 15. Winners earn a *Glittering Snowflake Badge!*

GNOME ORE’S WINTER READING CIRCLE

This month’s tale: *The Little Lantern Who Could.*

Join Ore for reading every **Saturday at 3 PM** at Adore Villa, with hot cocoa and soft mittens provided. Newcomers welcome!

GNOME ANNE’S WINTER CRAFT

Frosty Window Stars

- Materials: white paper, scissors, string
 - Steps: Fold paper, cut star patterns, hang in windows
- Result: A sparkling forest of stars to brighten chilly days!
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FROM FIELD & FOREST

- Watch the River of Promise for ice blossoms—they appear only in deep winter.
 - Winterberries are tiny treasures for tea or decoration.
 - Snowshoe rabbits leave delicate tracks; follow quietly to see their secret paths!
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UPCOMING EVENT: WINTER WANDER

Mark your calendars for **January 28th**, when gnomes gather at Lily Pad Hill for a day of snowy games, storytelling, and warm fireside drinks. Dress warmly and bring your best winter tale!

WORDS FROM GNOME OTTO

“Every snowflake is a new adventure. Step lightly, look closely, and enjoy the wonder.”

Wishing you bright ideas, warm hearts, and sparkling snow days,

— *The Valley Vine Team*

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