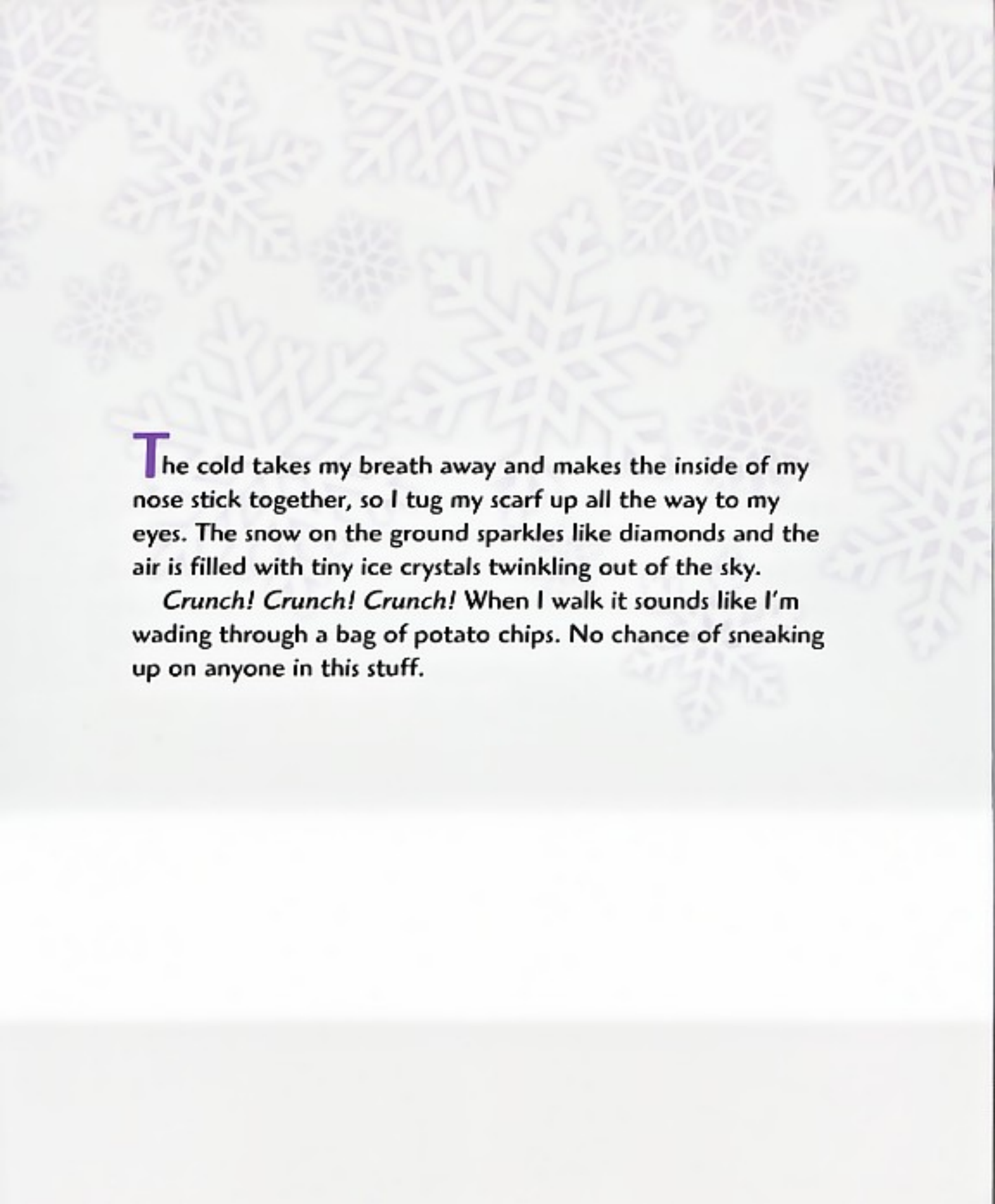


# Recess at 20 Below

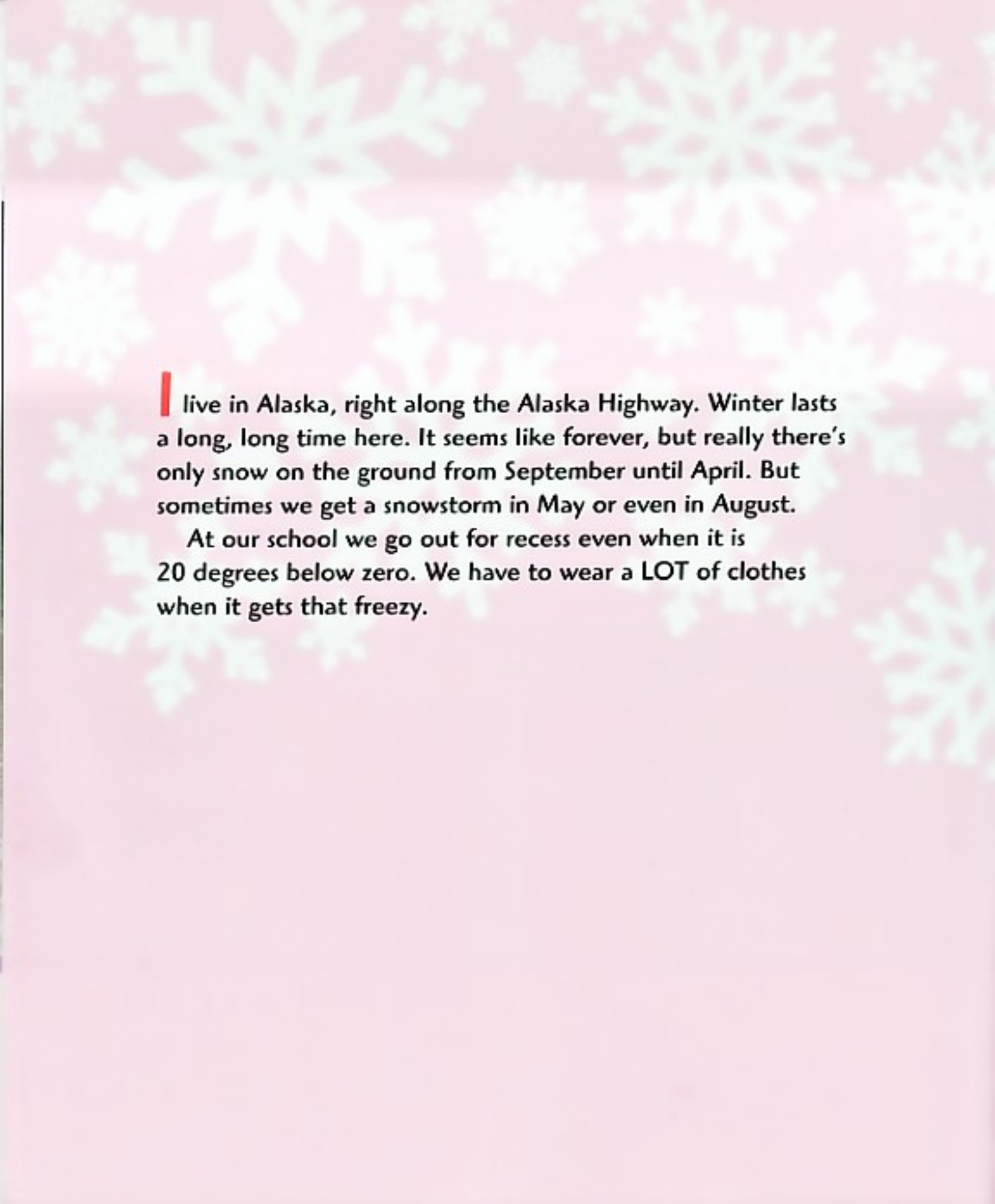


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The background of the page is a light cream color, decorated with a repeating pattern of stylized, light purple snowflakes. The snowflakes vary in size and orientation, creating a subtle, wintry texture.

**T**he cold takes my breath away and makes the inside of my nose stick together, so I tug my scarf up all the way to my eyes. The snow on the ground sparkles like diamonds and the air is filled with tiny ice crystals twinkling out of the sky.

*Crunch! Crunch! Crunch!* When I walk it sounds like I'm wading through a bag of potato chips. No chance of sneaking up on anyone in this stuff.

The background of the entire page is a light pink color, decorated with numerous white snowflakes of various sizes and designs, creating a winter-themed pattern.

I live in Alaska, right along the Alaska Highway. Winter lasts a long, long time here. It seems like forever, but really there's only snow on the ground from September until April. But sometimes we get a snowstorm in May or even in August.

At our school we go out for recess even when it is 20 degrees below zero. We have to wear a LOT of clothes when it gets that freezy.





**T**he thermometer says it's 20 below zero. Is school cancelled? Nope. How about recess? No way! It has to be colder than *that* to cancel recess. Out the kids go for another fun day in the snow. See what it's like to live in one of America's coldest places, where it's recess as usual at 20 below!



Written and photographed by CINDY LOU AILLAUD, an Alaskan educator and winner of a 2004 Disney Teacher of the Year designation, *Recess at 20 Below* brings to life all of the extremes of winter playtime in the Far North.

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