

\*\*\*Please notice I have a snow day marked on the calendar next week. Unless we get a snow storm over the weekend we will have to cancel it. I would like to move it to the third week of the month-Jan 18 & 19. I will try to e-mail by Mon/Tues next week if there is a change.

Mon-No School

Tues-We welcome two new students to class! Will and Alivia started today, but many were not here. We talked about items we got from Christmas. We read some fun winter books. We made snowdrifts like the ones pictured in the book, The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats. Each student had a partner and they tore a large sheet apart and colored them with chalk to look like the ones pictured. We ate snack and went to the gym to play. We did calendar and sharing before starting playtime with the new toys. During playtime, we made collages. They chose a color to start with and others to cut or tear. Whatever they cut or tore they glued on to make a collage. We also made matching mittens. We read the book, The Missing Mitten Mystery by Steven Kellogg. The girl lost it and went back through her day of fun in the snow with friends to find it. It ended up being stuck in the snowman she built. It was a red mitten and was in the chest of the snowman so it looked like a heart. We had one mitten with a design on it. The students chose another one that was blank, but the same color and tried to duplicate the pattern. Some were drawn and others had things glued to them.

Wed-We read Thomas's Snowsuit by Robert Munsch and The Wild Toboggan Ride by Suzan Reid. We talked about items we got from Christmas. We went to the library and checked out new books. When we got back to the room we read the story about the three kings arriving with gifts for Jesus. We decided what we would give baby Jesus. They drew a picture and I put words with it to help you decipher what they would give. We ate snack and went to the gym to run. We came back to do calendar and talked about the new toys and rules about how to use them. During playtime, we added a face to our person and cut out a snowsuit for him/her. They are each unique☺ They are in the classroom on a bulletin board. We also looked at groups of people. Each child took a group of people from 1-6 people. They had to find the correct number of sleds to go with them. Some had the correct amount on a single card and others had to add more than one card together to get it.

Thurs- We read Thomas's Snowsuit by Robert Munsch and The Wild Toboggan Ride by Suzan Reid. We went to the library and checked out new books. When we got back to the room we read the story about the three kings arriving with gifts for Jesus. We decided what we would give baby Jesus. They drew a picture and we added the words to help you decipher what they would give. We ate snack and went to the gym to run. We had Move to the Groove with Mr. Arboleda in the gym. We came back to do calendar and sharing and talked about the new toys and rules about how to use them. During playtime, we added a face to our person and cut out a snowsuit for him/her. They are each unique☺ They are in the classroom on a bulletin board. We also looked at groups of people. Each child took a group of people from 1-6 people. They had to find the correct number of sleds to go with them. Some had the correct amount on a single card and others had to add more than one card together to get it.

Fri-Snow! Even though it is melting outside we are talking about it inside☺ During playtime, we made a connect-the-dots snowman. It had numbers 1-19. We know most do not know all of these numbers. We were working on locating number 1 and seeing if they knew what would come next. We also were trying to make sure they understood to make a line from one number to the next instead of circling the number as we got to it. We had some students finishing their person from the day before. We made snowballs for snack. We had a rice cake and added cream cheese to make it white. We talked about the shape and color while doing it. One student had to reaffirm we were not

going to through them! Thank goodness he asked☺ We looked at Clifford who made “snow” words. I said if we have snow and man what word do we get-snowman! They caught on to the pattern. We worked on circling things. Sometimes they just color it in, but we talked about starting at one point and going around the object until we meet the same spot again. We circled Emily Elizabeth’s winter clothes and moved on to the back. They had to find the object in the page before circling it. Some circled it in the top instead of down below so we talked about finding it first. We ended our day with time outside to enjoy this unusual weather for January!

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