

Our family night is next week Wed from 6pm to 7pm. If you are able to bring a treat to be shared please do. We will be having water to drink to help reduce clean up at the end of the day. Everything else will be there for you.

We welcome another student on Tues. His name is Oscar.

If you have not sent in a family picture by e-mail or paper we would like to use them for a project so please send one soon. Thanks.

Mon-We started our first Monday of Advent with a prayer service. We met as school in a circle around the Advent wreath. We lit it as we did the service. We went back to the room and read a story about a polar bear's world. We attached a polar bear or two to the paper with tape. He was the same color as the paper. We painted over the top of him, the sky and the ice with a light blue. When we finished painting we took of the polar bear. They are hanging in the hallway. See if you can find our polar bears hiding in the snow☺ We ate snack. We did not finish before the older children went outside so we went to the gym to run. When our time was finished in the gym we did calendar and sharing. During playtime, we added black stripes to the white zebra using a painted marble. We also talked about the camouflage. We looked at some animals using their camouflage. In particular, we looked at the baby seal. He is white like the snow so it is harder to see him so he does not get eaten. We searched through cotton balls for white things including the polar bear! We finished by making an Advent wreath by tracing one hand from each child.

Tues-We started with a polar bear story. We talked about them blending into their surroundings. We attached a polar bear or two to the paper with tape. He was the same color as the paper. We painted over the top of him, the sky and the ice with a light blue. When we finished painting we took of the polar bear. They are hanging in the hallway. See if you can find our polar bears hiding in the snow☺ This was a hard concept for many. As they finished we traced a hand to add to the Advent wreath. We ate snack and went outside to play. We did calendar and sharing before playtime. During playtime, we added black stripes to the white zebra using a painted marble. We also talked about the camouflage. We looked at some animals using their camouflage. In particular, we looked at the baby seal. He is white like the snow so it is harder to see him so he does not get eaten. We searched through cotton balls for white things including the polar bear!

Wed-We started looking at books about zebras, pelicans and seals. We went to the library. We had an accident in the library so we went back to get some ice. We are slowly learning why we need walking feet. When we finished reading a story and checking out, we came back to make St. Nick stockings. We talked about good behaviors getting rewarded with treats. We laced the two pieces together remembering to pull the yarn all the way through. We added some glue with cotton balls at the top, I glued their name and they added glitter. We hung them in the classroom with hopes they will get filled next Monday night! Thank you to any helper elves. We ate snack and run a couple laps around the gym. We did calendar, sharing and playtime. We tried our best to stay on the lines created by the jumping bears. Some just took the challenge of not cutting off any pieces, some stopping at the bear, while others diligently cut on each line! We also added pinches of crayon shavings to a seal shape. I added a wax paper seal shape over the top and melted it together.

Thurs-We started looking at books about zebras, pelicans and seals. We went to the library. When we finished reading a story and checking out, we came back to make St. Nick stockings. We talked about good behaviors getting rewarded with treats. We laced the two pieces together remembering to pull

the yarn all the way through. We added some glue with cotton balls at the top, I glued their name and they added glitter. We hung them in the classroom with hopes they will get filled next Monday night! Thank you to any helper elves. We ate snack and went to the gym. We caught a glimpse of the Christmas program before Move to the Groove started. After Move to the Groove, we did calendar. Mrs. Whiting came to remind us of DuSo's rules: Stick to the point, Listen carefully, Raise your hand, Don't clam up and work together. During playtime, we tried our best to stay on the lines created by the jumping bears. Some just took the challenge of not cutting off any pieces, some stopping at the bear, while others diligently cut on each line! We also added pinches of crayon shavings to a seal shape. Mrs. Schmitz added a wax paper seal shape over the top and melted it together.

Fri-Advent! We started with calendar and playtime. We added stickers to make an Advent calendar. They added stickers to the days we have already been waiting for Jesus' birthday and I sent home the rest of the stickers they would need to add one sticker for each day until Christmas. We also traced another hand to add to the school Advent wreath in the hallway. We started snack during playtime. We toasted a piece of bread, spread on butter and added cinnamon and sugar. After playtime, we cut the bread to be similar to a face of a reindeer. We used the triangles we cut or tore off to be the ears, added pretzel antlers and raisin eyes and nose. After we cleaned up snack we went outside. We ended our day with prayer.

Have a great weekend.

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