



Discovery Zone Gazette

Infants Waddle Around...

The infants were very busy in the month of January learning about penguins, hibernation, snowflakes and dressing warm for winter! The children really enjoyed watching the stuffed dancing penguin that mirrored some movements of their own developmental stages. We read several books and sang songs to work on developing the children's social, emotion and language skills. Some of their favorite books and songs were, "I'm a little Penguin", "Sleep, Sleep, Sleep" and "Two Warm Mittens".

Our older infants enjoyed sensory play as they made footprint penguins and polar bear. They also finger painted snowflakes and made



handprint mittens, as well as working on zipping a coat up and down to work their fine motor skills. The children played with ice cubes and got to experience the cold. Sensory was a huge hit this month!

The younger infants worked on their emotional development by playing peek-a-boo for our hibernation theme and enjoyed when the teachers put the stuffed penguins on their belly to see their silly reactions. Physically development can be lots of work, but these infants were up to it as they did lots of reaching, rolling, crawling and walking.

A reminder to pack extra



weather appropriate clothing.

Lucas enjoyed his first birthday on January 14th!

Congratulations to Jenna & Lucas on their new walking legs!

Our new furniture walkers: Izabel & Michayla.

Our army crawlers: Brennan & Tiernan

Congrats to the roller of the room: Vanessa!

We wish the best of luck to Jackson and his family as he transitions to the toddler classroom.

For the month of February we will focus on a Valentine's day and family theme! Make sure to come in and look around the room at all of our projects!

Discovery Zone Learning Center

January 2010

Important Dates:

- Thursday Feb. 11th a dentist office is coming to visit the Preschoolers to learn about keeping our teeth healthy and clean!
- Wednesday February 24th- Circus Suitcase is visiting the center for our special of the month!
- School vacation is 15-19- don't forget to sign up for Fun Days by the 5th!
- All medical paperwork that is expired is **due by the 8th!**

Winter Came and Went for the Toddlers

The toddler room would like to start off by welcoming Logan and his family to our classroom!

During the month of January the toddlers learned about hibernation and winter animals. They practiced counting during the hungry mouse match game, had a teddy bear hunt, sorted acorns accord-



ing to size and had a pajama day!

During the winter theme the children used trial and error to find white sock hats hiding under cotton balls (snow), in our sensory table. The children learned science skills as they painted with ice cubes and tempera paint and discovered the effects of the melting ice with the

powder paint and had an ice cube race by sliding ice cubes down a slide (cookie sheet).

A snowman theme was next in January and the toddlers used their hand eye coordination to place a carrot nose on a large snowman face, look in our window! They also developed their vocabulary skills >



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while exploring with cotton balls on contact paper to build a snowman.

Next the toddlers learned about boats and how they float using



milk carton boats in a dishpan. The children finger painted an ocean and we talked about the boats floating in the ocean. We also talked about what we can see while on the boat in the ocean. They also painted a ship's

wheel and pretended to steer a boat when it dried.

In the month of February we will be exploring numbers, making Valentines and leaning about different types of families.

Preschool a-B-c-'d their way through the month!

Preschool B was so excited to learn about winter in January. We made snowy sweaters which allowed the children to work on their cutting and



painting abilities. We also played a letter R glove match game, this allowed the children to use their small muscles to try and hang the gloves with clothes pins. This also worked on matching and letter recognition.

During Alphabet week the class cre-

ated an Alphabet book. The children were able to work on their letter recognition and identification of words. Be sure and check out our book!

The last week of January, Preschool B learned about the five senses. The children enjoyed our kool-aid painting project, where they worked on small muscle skills by painting with toothbrushes and paintbrushes. They also observed the different smells of the "paint" after the



kool-aid was mixed in. Coffee play in the sensory table was a big hit! The children liked the texture and smell. They were able to use cups, bowls, spoons and trucks to play inside.

Preschoolers are looking forward to learning about Teeth, Valentines Day and Dinosaurs in February. Look for your February calendar for all of our special dates.

We'd like to wish Caitlin a Happy Birthday on February 2nd!

Preschool A Was a Winter Wonderland

Preschool A accomplished many exciting things during the month of January. We learned about winter, colors and two exciting weeks about our 5 senses.

For the first week of January we continued the winter theme from December. We made snowmen while practicing spatial awareness. Winter clothing was also talked about as the children used fine motor skills to create mittens! To decorate our classroom we

created some contact paper snowflakes with tissue paper. Another favorite activity was outdoor snow play!



During the second week of January Preschool A learned all about colors.

The children practiced the order of a rainbow by making our own. Science skills were built as the children mixed primary colors. Preschool A enjoyed color bowling the most, where

they got to work on large motor skills. As the pins were knocked down they had to identify which colors and how many were knocked over .



For the last two weeks of January Preschoolers did a long exciting theme on our 5 senses. We took two days for each sense and did many activities. To practice fine motor skills and spatial awareness the children

Center News

Please remember to call the center as soon as possible if your child is going to be out for the day, so that we can staff accordingly.

All expired physical and immunization paperwork is **due by Feb 8th!**

Keep an eye open for emails about updated pictures online. They are usually posted once a month.

All W2 tax paperwork was handed out, if for some reason you did not receive it please let Amanda know ASAP.

Preschool A Continued

drew portraits that are displayed on the bulletin boards. The children created their own instruments using everyday items and talked about how different objects make different sounds. To use the sense of touch the children made some slimy, blue goop. The children enjoyed science, math and sensory as they measured, mixed and then played with it. The most exciting and fun project was

moses! Everyone seemed to love this project. We painted the children's stamps. Take a look at our bulletin board! Finally we had a taste test. Pictures will be up in the classroom and online soon.

Next month Preschool A will learn about Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, mail and dental hygiene.



