

December 18th, 2020



Circle Time & Stories

During circle time this week, we were talking and dreaming of a white Christmas. Each day we read some books with snow and snowmen in them. Dream of Snow by Eric Carle, is a book about a farmer who has a dream that snow covered all his farm animals in a blanket of snow. This book has pages that flip so you can see which animal is under the blanket of snow. The kiddos loved it! After the book. Everyone wanted to sing "Old MacDonald", of course! We also read Merry Christmas Squirrels and If you Take a Mouse to the Movies. In both books the main characters play in the snow! We added a new song to circle time, "I'm a Little Snowman". It is definitely a new favorite! They laugh at the end when we all say, "brrr, it's cold!"

Centers

In centers we mixed up some tasty hot chocolate with marshmallows in the sensory bin, using cocoa rice krispie cereal and marshmallows. We reminded the kiddos not to eat the sensory bin items and we washed and sanitized their hands before and after playing. We also played with play-doh and colored pictures in the art center, too.

Specials

In Music class, Miss Katie sang some fun songs that helped us to learn about Hanukkah. We also read our favorite, the book "Wheels on the Bus". The kiddos love to watch Miss Katie move the pieces in the pop up book that goes with the song. The bus doors go open and shut and the people go bumpy bump! We went outside Monday and Tuesday. The kids played tag and they were so excited it was snowing! We pretended to make snow angels on the carpet during playtime and then we went outside and made real ones! On Friday, Miss Kayla played the "North Pole Freeze Game" song for us to get our bodies moving!

Crafts

A special treat, during craft time we made Christmas presents for the special people in our lives. Check your child's backpacks for your gift! We also made some textured candy canes with paper and cotton balls. I will send home all decorations next week.

Reminders

- **Holiday Party and Santa Visit December 22nd**
- **No School December 24th- January 3rd 2021**