

January 12, 2024
St. John's Nursery School 2's Newsletter
by Ms. Gilda and Ms. Sharyn

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Hope everybody had a great winter break. We are glad that our 2's came back to school full of energy and had a good transition back to school.

Last week we read the story "The Gingerbread Man" by Karen Schmidt. The children really enjoyed the story and doing the project afterwards.



We also read the story "The Mitten" adapted and illustrated by Jan Brett (there are a few versions of the same story). "The Mitten" is a very sweet story about a boy who loses his white woolen mitten while playing in the snow. A few animals find the cozy, warm mitten so they think it would be the perfect place to warm up. A squirrel, a rabbit, a fox, a bear, a little mouse go into the mitten until the mitten burst apart and spilled them all out into the snow. After reading the story the children were able to glue different animal pictures in an already cut-up construction paper mitten. They also decorated the mitten with pieces of white yarn. The mittens went home in their backpacks. The children also played "The Mitten Matching Game".





We also talked about the weather and snow season, hoping we'll have some snow soon :-). The children created beautiful snowflakes gluing small pieces of cotton balls and adding glitter (always the fun part!).



The children painted coffee filters with watercolors to make "Coffee Filters Snowflakes". The beautiful snowflakes will decorate our classroom windows.



Spanish with Ms. Ericka provides a wonderful opportunity for our 2's to explore music and movement. The children love using the parachute (paracaidas) which reinforces directional words. The parachute goes up and down (arriba y abajo) and to the sides (a un lado y al otro lado). Ericka also introduced the "Opposite Song" and they learned different words like open/close (abre/cierra), fast/slow (rápido/lento), big/small (grande/pequeño), etc. Dancing with the egg shakers is always fun and an opportunity to learn the colors in Spanish.





Namaste! We had Ms Sue on Tuesday. The children loved having yoga and singing “Fly Like a Butterfly” and “Tick Tock Little Yoga Clock”.



SONGS

“Snowflakes, Snowflakes falling down”, “I’m a Little Snowman”, “Good Morning Song”, “Good bye Song”

BOOKS

“The Gingerbread Man” by Karen Schmidt, “The Mitten” by Jan Brett, “When It Starts To Snow” by Phillis Gershater, “Snow all Year” by Carolyn Buchner, “Winter Is Here” by Kimberly Weinberger.

REMINDERS

No school on Monday, January 15 due to Martin Luther King day. Enjoy it!
Picture Day is Friday, January 26. More information to come. If your child comes to school T-Th we will send info in the coming week.

