

# St. John's Nursery School 2's Newsletter

## January 26, 2024

by Ms. Sharyn and Ms. Gilda

Dear Families,

Time is flying by in our classroom! With the holiday and snow days last week, and the rainy mornings this week, your children might be feeling the change in routine. We try to keep our familiar routines the same but of course change happens, and we do our best to explain to the class what the day will bring. Your child may tell you that they did "nothing" at school, but we always have playground or Parish Hall, snack, art projects and after we sing the "Goodbye Song", it is time to go home:) We've been having lots of fun in Parish Hall, and we encourage the children to run, ride, kick, throw, and build!



Last week the children created colorful **Snowflakes**. They painted coffee filters with watercolors and then we cut the filters to make unique snowflakes. They are decorating our classroom windows now.

We did more painting this week but instead of brushes, we made **Paintings with Pipettes**. They dripped colorful dye liquid via a pipette/dropper onto paper towels. The children watched with amazement as the color slowly was absorbed by the paper. They observed the different patterns the colors were making on the paper. We also used foam finger paints to make **Winter Hats**. The children used their hands (or a q-tip) to spread the foam paint on precut hat shapes. Our Friday class had so much fun with the foam we decided to make a collaborative painting too!



We needed more color in the classroom, so we created **Stained Glass Effect Mobiles**. Each child glued colorful tissue paper pieces onto a clear plastic cup. The cups were strung on a large branch that now hangs in the classroom. We talked about colors and using cotton buds to glue the paper helps with fine motor skills.





Both classes enjoy our Yoga time with Ms. Melissa or Ms. Sue. Ms. Melissa's mini lava sculpture was mesmerizing!



Ms. Ericka was out last week, and we did not have Spanish on Picture Day. Our Thursday class had fun counting and playing el xilofono and moving with el paracaidas.



Picture Day went really well! Thank you to our Tuesday/Thursday families for coming in today 😊

**BOOKS:**

*The Jacket I Wear in the Snow* by Shirley Neitzel; *White Rabbit's Colors* by Alan Baker; *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina; *Crayola Winter Colors* (Scholastic) and *The Little Red Hen* (Golden Books)

**SONGS:**

The Snowy Pokie

**REMINDERS:**

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Children are welcome to bring in Valentines for their classmates. Details to come!

SJNS will be closed February 19-23. School will reopen on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

