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Classroom Updates



Nursery

The Nursery wants to say a big welcome to Roxy and Jamie! Roxy's big brother Sebastian is in the Blue Room. We say a sad good-bye to Matilda; we hope you stop in when you drop off Calvin and Eloise. The popular activities in the Nursery have been the play kitchen, dress-up and the indoor sandbox. We have also done some more baking, most recently apple muffins.

Tantrums? Are you seeing your two year old have "melt downs"? This is very normal and the nursery team has some tips for you, feel free to brainstorm with them about ways to cope with this frustrating stage.

Happy belated birthday to Kaidence and Violet, who both turned one in January.. Happy New Year to all!

Karla, Jody & Molly



Red Room

The Red Roomers have been spending a lot of time indoors because of icy and very cold days; with our room rearranged, we can dance and run a lot more! There's been a lot of interest in the kitchen and we've had several tea parties in the mornings. Stacking toys are also a big hit, especially Duplos and connecting shapes.

Everyone is working on learning colors, numbers and letters, and circle time sometimes lasts 10 minutes when the kids request songs or books- a really long time for this age group! Please feel free to bring in books from home that your child enjoys, as they really love sharing during circle.

Thanks!

Courtney & Shelly



Orange Room

Happy Birthday Liam, Liam is turning three! Winter is finally here in full force! We haven't been able to go outside much because it's either too cold or too icy. So we've been reading lots of books about winter. Snow, penguins and snowmen are the favorite topics right now. When it is warm enough we will venture outside again. Hopefully we'll be able to make our own snowman and go sledding. Even if we can't go outside we still talk about snow. In the book The Snowy Day we wondered what happened to the snowball in Peter's pocket. We love singing I'm a Little Snowman and acting it out as we sing.

As frequently as possible, we are doing jobs, the calendar and the weather. Some of the skills that these activities promote are letter recognition (most of the children recognize their own name), counting (days of the month) and awareness of the weather.

As the cold has settled in, we've seen more and more birds. We've had lots of chickadees, woodpeckers, nuthatches, titmice and a few goldfinches, purple finches and tree sparrows. And of course we have the squirrels!

Karen



Yellow Room

Happy February! It looks like winter finally decided to show up, with that in mind please make sure that your child's cubby is stocked with extra clothes (especially socks). On the days it has been warm enough we have been practicing safe bodies while taking walks and listening ears while borrowing the Red and Orange Roomers playground. On the days that we do not go outside, we often take advantage of the Activity Room, where lots of gross motor skills are practiced – please continue to send your child with a water bottle. We get thirsty as we jump, run and move our bodies!

We have been enjoying puzzles and board games. Friends have been working tougher and using teamwork on larger puzzles. Honeycomb Hike and Orchard have been two popular board games. As we keep warm during the month ahead we will see where the Yellow Roomer's interests takes us. For this past month or so we have been experimenting with and implementing a sing-a-long circle. If you have any songs to share with us or are musically inclined yourselves, feel free to join us – we love guests!

Thank you! Britny & Jodie



Blue Room

Happy New Year! In the first few weeks of the New Year we have been enjoying the snow! The Blue Roomers have been working on fine motor skills (cutting) by creating beautiful water colored snowflakes and snowmen. We have also been spending lots of outside time sledding and exploring our winter wonderland. Some of the snowy books that we have been reading recently are Snowball Soup, Trouble with Trolls and When Will it Snow?. Story time is a favorite time in the Blue Room. Along with studying snow, the Blue Roomers have been practicing learning letters and writing their names on artwork and in their classroom journals. The kids have been doing a great job working hard on having a quiet rest time. Each quiet rest time earns them a smiley face on our chart. Once we get six faces, we party! Currently we are working on a face painting party. We continue to explore areas of interest and learning through experience in the Blue Room.

Thanks,
Hannah & Bailey



AfterSchool

Hello Everyone! As usual, our kids aren't having any trouble keeping themselves busy. The MCS playground is quite icy but we are fortunate to have a hilly spot for sledding. Inside, several of us are doing some sewing, using felt and stuffing. For many, this is their first time using a needle and thread. They have used patterns from a book or have made their own patterns by drawing on paper and then cutting it out and tracing it onto the felt. A fish, a whale, a star wars fighter craft and a burrito have been made this way. Please bring in slippers to leave at AfterSchool. IF we have to run out in a hurry it would be best for the kids not to be in their socks!

Yours – The AfterSchool Staff