

Miss Nanette & Miss Sue's Senior Kiddie Campus Room #1

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: During Brr It's Cold Week we learned about winter critters-snackers, (animals that eat all winter), nappers, (animals that sleep for a time and then wake to eat and go back to sleep), sleepers (animals that sleep all winter) and flappers (birds that migrate and those that stay). A favorite story was *The Mitten*. We used props to retell the story during Choosing Time. We learned polar bears have black skin under their white fur to keep them warm, they don't climb trees because there are no trees in the arctic, they eat meat and their white fur hides them from predators. We also learned that penguins are birds, but they can't fly. The highlight of transportation week was testing the speed of cars on ramps. During Marvelous Magnets week we learned that bigger doesn't necessarily mean stronger by testing the strengths of various sized magnets.

During the school year we have been working on words that start with letters that are relevant to the children. At the beginning of the year we gave clues to get the ball rolling. It's incredible how quickly the children respond with a wide variety of words. Even after we were on to the next part of our day many children would come to us and say "I have another word". We, of course, added the words to our list. We have also been working on prediction activities such as "Which block of ice will melt the fastest?" and "Which magnet is the strongest?"

STAMP: Please send a stamp (include your child's name) to school January 30 and 31. We will be using it to send a family valentine home.

VALENTINES DAY: We will celebrate Valentine's Day with games and special activities on Monday, February 13 and Tuesday February 14. If your child would like to bring valentines for the class, please send 18 (MWF class) and 18 (TTH class) cards with your child's name on each card. **Please do not write the other children's names on the cards or designate boy or girl cards as this slows down the distribution process.** If you would like to send treats for the children, please remember everything must be store bought and in its original container. Please do not send sealed treat bags containing multiple items. Thank you.

FIELD TRIP: We have scheduled a field trip to Mariano's Grocery Store on Monday, February 6 and Tuesday, February 7. Permission slips are due back by January 30 and 31.

SHOW AND TELL: Please send an object that starts with the 1st letter of your child's name on February 23 and 24.

UPCOMING EVENTS: During the month of February we will be collecting plastic bottle caps of every color and size for use in graphing, counting, sorting, patterning, etc.

Please wash the caps before bringing them to school, the children will be handling them.

FEBRUARY THEMES: Post Office, Grocery Store, Valentines, Lovely Letters and Fun with Flight.