

**Junior Kiddie Campus
Room 5**

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and it's great to be back to start off the New Year.

Favorite Activity: In the month of December we did a lot of activities pertaining to the holiday season. The children used problem solving skills while using our felt board and magnet board pieces. I laid out the pieces and the children had to figure out how to use them to build a gingerbread man and a snowman.

Playing with Peppermint Playdough was a huge hit. We used rolling pins, cookie cutter shapes, and hand held plastic cutting utensils to use alongside the playdough. Manipulating playdough helps the children gain fine motor skills and helps relieve some stress and anxiety that we all feel around this time of year.

In the area of Science the children enjoyed exploring with magnet wands and jingle bells which were mixed in with non-magnetic materials in our sensory table.

We worked on color matching, turn taking, and fine motor skills with a pom pom ball game, dice, and a box.

Coming in January: We will start having the children do jobs throughout the day for those that wish to help Miss Erin and me. This will only be voluntary. We will not force anyone to help if they do not wish to. The children will help us by setting out napkins and cups for snack along with other simple jobs that will develop responsibility and self-esteem.

January Themes: Themes for the month are: Winter Weather, Animals that Hibernate, Animals in Winter, and Our 5 Senses.