

Dear Parents,

In keeping with our Arctic Adventure theme, we played with arctic animals in an ice bath. Our hands got REALLY cold, and we talked about how melted ice makes water. The books of the month in our quiet area have taught us about snowy weather and blizzards and arctic animals like penguins and polar bears. Reading books about a climate that is so different from ours in Florida has sparked conversation about seeing snow on trips to visit family and friends and clothing to wear when it's cold outside.



Creative art continues to play an integral role in our day-to-day activities. Painting at an easel provides the opportunity to improve their fine motor skills by manipulating a paintbrush or a sensory experience by using their hands. Making art with familiar objects like jar tops is another outlet for expression that also encourages exploration of science and math. Think transferring shape to paper, creating nesting shapes, and mixing colors.



More basic math happened this week while our friends built LEGO towers. It started as a solo project, but quickly became a partner activity when chatter started --- "The tower is shorter than me. Let's build it tall like us." In the end, a couple more friends joined in to build the tower taller before it got wobbly and fell over.



Another favorite activity among the children... PUZZLES. Real puzzles (not the ones on a screen) are a fantastic learning tool for preschoolers. They help with hand-eye coordination, problem solving, shape recognition and memory, to name a few. The puzzle pictured below includes various locks and latches, which helps with fine motor and adds sensory to the experience.



**IMPORTANT DATES****1/23: Trike-a-Thon, 10:30-11 am**

Your child will need their bike or scooter and helmet (both labeled with his/her name) that day. Parents and/or other family members are encouraged to attend to cheer on our class! Please remember to turn in the permission slip that was sent home last week or your child cannot participate.

**1/28: Fall 2019 Deposit Due****1/30: Chapel, 9:15 am**

Thank you, Manny, for helping with snack! Simi Grace is our helper next week!

Lastly, attached please find Ms. Kim's wrap-up for November and January. Enjoy the rest of the weekend!

Love,

Ms. Amanda and Ms. Caroline