

December 7, 2018

Dear Parents,

Can you believe it is almost Winter Break? We are looking forward to our Holiday Program (only one week away!). Please see below for the highlights from our week.

- On Monday we continued activities and crafts relating to snow. We made snow from baking soda and shaving cream! It may have been messy, but it was lots of fun! As we played in the cold, moldable snow, we brainstormed adjectives to describe what we were experiencing. Later that morning, we read poems about snow by Shel Silverstein and then ended with a poem "Ode to my Socks" by Pablo Neruda. This poem had some excellent **similes**. Students wrote their own poems and similes about their group snowman. Group snowmen were created by dividing a paper into thirds. Students take ten minutes to draw just the top portion of the snowman. Papers are passed to the next person who continues the picture by drawing the middle section. Papers are passed until a snowman is drawn completely and all members of the group have added to each individual drawing. This was a great activity to encourage creativity, teamwork, and literacy.



- On Tuesday we taught Ms. Bridget's class how to play one of our new favorite dice games, SKUNK. I think they enjoyed it as much as we do! In preparation for today's tree lighting, we started making salt dough ornaments. We continued making these ornaments throughout the week!



- On Wednesday we started our new novel, *Family Under The Bridge*, with Ms. Bia's class. Next week we will dive into the culture and geography of the story's location, France. On Wednesday we also started practicing our Kwanzaa song for the Holiday Show. We cannot wait to sing for you all!
- On Thursday we continued our novel study with Ms. Bia's class and finished our ornaments. With Mr. Chris's class, we continued our Peter H. Reynolds unit. We read *The North Star* and discussed the similarities with other Peter H. Reynolds books. We created star maps with our buddies and then made our own watercolor paints on Friday to complete our night sky. We pulled together our new understanding of sky color and "ish" drawings to create constellations of things that are important to us.



Next week we will continue our novel study of *The Family Under the Bridge* and will be preparing for the Holiday Show! We are looking forward to the show and the luncheon following.

Please take a look at the Parents Notes email for other school notes. There are details about current service projects and other information about any upcoming events or schedule changes.