

Ms. Janet and Ms. Anita

Classroom Newsletter

January 24, 2019



### February Topics:

Chinese New Year

Healthy hearts and bodies

My Plate (food prep to include zucchini heart muffins and fruit salad)

### Classroom News:



In science, Ms. Suzanne has led the children in a snow investigation using magnifying glasses to examine the crystals.

The students also observed how the warm temperatures indoors affected the snow.

We discussed animal hibernation, migration and adaptation in the winter.



## Art Connection:



Students viewed and discussed classical artist Claude Moet's *The Magpie*, which is one of his 140 plus winter scenes that beautifully illustrates light, shadows and contrast.

After reading *Snowballs*, by Lois Ehlert, they created snow scenes using a mixture of shaving cream and glue, with craft sticks for brushes.



## December Recap:

For the literature activity, *The Gingerbread Man* was read, as the children tapped and chanted "run, run, as fast as you can, you can't catch me I am the gingerbread man!". Feeling the rhythm of the story is a pre-reading skill, so when reading a simple poem or rhyme tap out the beat. As a literature connection, the children cut out and decorated gingerbread cookies.

## Other Information

A song sheet with seasonal songs and chants will be sent home next week. Most of the tunes should be familiar, as indicated on the paper, so have fun singing together!

The children will soon learn about symmetry after reading, *The Mitten*, by Jan Brett.





**Snow Investigation!**



**Creating a snow scene**



**Ice skating with wax paper skates!**



**Decorating gingerbread**



**Making Stone Soup**