

# ENRICHMENT NEWS



Dear Enrichment Families,

I hope you are all enjoying the snow. Last week we read several books about snowmen. I bet some of you have had a chance to build one this weekend! We read *Snowmen at Night* by Caralyn Buehner and imagined all the fun things snowmen do while we are sleeping. The colors in the book are a cool blue from the moonlight on the snow and a warm orange from the lights around the town. We used watercolors and a coffee filter to paint the night sky all the different colors. Then, we added playful snowmen.

We also read *Sneezy the Snowman* by Maureen Wright. In the story, Sneezy is cold and tries to find ways to stay warm, which result in him melting into a puddle. Throughout the story different things cause Sneezy to melt, leaving the children to rebuild him over and over. The children had a lot of fun identifying the cause and effect events in the story. Afterwards, we sorted pictures that looked either hot or cold and determined if they would cause Sneezy to melt.

We made oobleck, a mixture of cornstarch and water. The children had fun playing with the substance that can turn into both a solid and a liquid. The changing mixture mirrored how Sneezy melted and was rebuilt over and over again. Finally, the children had fun using art supplies to add faces to their oobleck.

We read *Sadie and the Snowman* by Allen Morgan. In the story, Sadie builds a snowman that is gradually melted by the sun. She rebuilds her snowman over and over. Each time it gets smaller and smaller. We had fun making the snowman right along with Sadie using our flannelboard and all the different materials she used in the book. Each time the items got smaller and smaller, just like the snowman.

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We also read Snowballs by Lois Elbert. In the story, they use lots of everyday materials to build a snow family. After the story, the children had fun making a snowman using marshmallows to paint white snowballs and art materials to decorate them. The children also played "Build A Snowman". They took turns with the spinner and added each piece to build their snowman. As always, there was also lots of block building, cooking in the kitchen area, and creating tracks for the cars too!

Have a wonderful weekend! We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!

Susan and Caroline

