

ENRICHMENT NEWS



Dear Enrichment Families,

We had lots of fun in Enrichment this week! We read *A Loud Winter's Nap* by Katy Hudson. In the story Tortoise does not like winter and is determined to sleep through it despite all the fun his friends are having singing, making ice sculptures, sledding, and ice skating. Ask your children what happened to change Tortoise's mind about winter. The children had fun using popsicle sticks, egg cartons, and a variety of art supplies to make Tortoise on the sled.

The children also loved ice skating in their socks on our pretend ice rink. They took turns skating across the rink to match ice skate cut outs with letters of the alphabet. We may have some future figure skaters in the group! There were several spinning and leaping across the ice. When our pretend ice rink "paper" ripped, the children had so much fun imagining that the ice had cracked and there was water underneath. It was fun to watch their imaginations and creativity unfold as they played.

We also read the story *Lines* by Suzy Lee. It starts with a line made with a pencil that tells the wordless story of a little girl ice skating on a frozen pond. You follow the pencil and watch as she performs all kinds of skating combinations, leaping and twirling across the ice. When she falls, you turn the page and discover the artist has crumpled up the paper. She and the little girl are not happy. They recover, and page after page other skaters join in until there is skating, laughing, and playing.

We had fun using glitter glue as our pencil to make a picture full of the swirls and twirls of an ice skater. We will use chalk to fill in the spaces next week after the glue dries to finish our ice skating picture.

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The children also had fun playing with a frozen pond I made using a cookie sheet. They used both figures and animals to skate across the ice.

As always, the Big Room and other toys in the Enrichment area continue to be a hit. The children have been creating tents with the mats as well as lots of highway construction with the blocks, tracks, and cars.

We hope you have a great weekend!

Susan and Caroline

