

A Look Ahead for February



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December Summary

The kids had so much fun learning about the arctic and some of the animals that live there. They learned that the arctic is at the top of the world and it's always freezing cold there. There are no trees, just snow and ice! They were surprised to learn that polar bears aren't white, but their fur is clear, so it reflects the color of the snow which makes them appear white. I demonstrated this to the class by holding a clear glass against different color backgrounds. Some other activities they seemed to enjoy were the animal tracks in the snow and waddling like penguins. We practiced staying warm like penguins by huddling together and then letting the "penguins" in the middle where it was nice and cozy switch places with the "penguins" on the outside of the circle so they could get toasty in the middle, just like real penguins do. I think the highlight though for this month was science with Mrs. Sunshine and the Star Box. I hope some of you got to check it out!

What's New?

February is a fun month where we get to a little bit of a lot of things. We will make our predictions about Punxsutawney Phil for Groundhog's day and play some shadow matching games. I also have some fun dental health and heart awareness activities and crafts planned as well as the start of our artist unit in preparation for the art show. The kiddos will learn about and create their own masterpieces inspired by Monet and Grandma Moses. You will be amazed by their talent! Of course, we will also be learning about friendship for Valentine's Day and how Valentines got started. We have a special day planned for February 13th and 14th. Parents will be invited in just before pick up to listen to some songs. We've got lots to do and a short time to do it in. It's going to be fast paced and fun!

Ms. Lisa's Thoughts

We haven't had too many absences this month so I'm hoping that continues. Thank you for keeping your child home when they don't feel well. I really think that's why we haven't seen many kids out sick. Weather wise, I am hoping for a little more snow so we can get outside and build a snowman and then an early spring!

Reminders

For Valentine's day, please write only your child's name on their valentines. Do not write who they are for, only who they are from. It makes it so much easier when it comes time to distribute them. Thank you in advance.