



Preschool Update:
December

“Snow provokes responses that reach right back to childhood.”

– Andy Goldsworthy

Seasonal Fun:

- We found many hills to slide down. Sometimes we brought sleds and sometimes we didn't.
- We slid on the ice and made ice cubes of our own.
- We built campfires and sang Christmas carols in the woods.
- We followed animal tracks, especially squirrel and snowshoe hare tracks, to see where they went in the snow.



Our Learning Adventures:

Imaginative Play:

“Which song do you want on the train?”



(All sing Jingle Bells.)

Science and Technology:

We did experiments to see how quickly water would freeze and wondered what was under the ice outside?



Sensory Experiences:



Finding slippery surfaces and then surfaces with enough grip to let us climb back up.

Mathematics:

“This one is longer than my other cattail. It's fluffier too.”



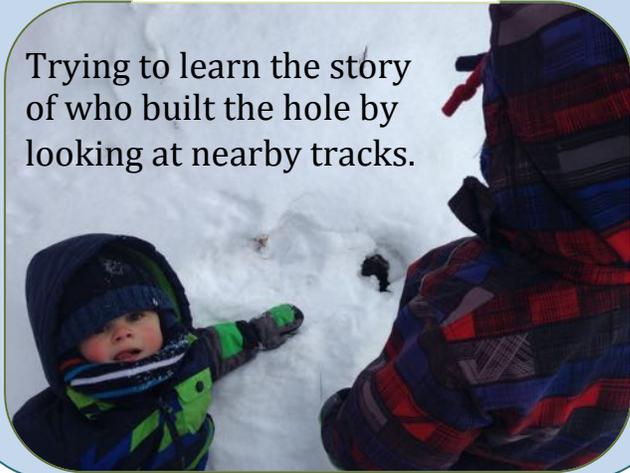
More Learning Adventures:

Creative Art Experiences:



“Just wait. We’re doing a picture.”

Language and Literacy:



Trying to learn the story of who built the hole by looking at nearby tracks.

Gross Motor:



Climbing snow mountains.

Fine Motor:

We did many holiday crafts that involved cutting, pasting, stringing beads and drawing.

Construction:



Building a campfire together.



An exciting event:

Big foam shapes were donated to the preschool. People have imagined many ways to use them – like to build the snow motorcycle on the right.



Some Favourite Stories, Rhymes and Songs:

- *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, by: Dr. Seuss
- *Jingle Bells*, traditional carol
- *Four Little Bells*, traditional fingerplay



Nature Observations and Discoveries:

This month we have been able to walk out on the pond and have noticed that the wind and other animals like to spread cattail fluff too.



We keep watching for tracks in the snow. Sometimes tree branches even make tracks when they drop their snow.

Ring around the rosy...of course there's room for more.



Notes for Next Month:

Possible activities:

(As always activities depend on interests, weather, and energy levels)

- More snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.
- Continuing our music activities
- Going on an icicle hunt.

What to wear:

January is a wonderful winter month that can bring -20 weather with it. When the temperature is that low we will shorten our time outside, but we will still be going on adventures. Face-warmers – like buffs and scarves – are important in this chilly weather as cheeks and chins can get cold quickly. Warm breath tends to get face-warmers so, like with mittens and socks, it is a good idea to send an extra along.

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