

“Winter is not a season, it’s a celebration.”

– Anamika Mishra

Seasonal Fun:

- We got out the sleds and tested the hills.
- We tried skiing and snowshoeing in the yard.
- We got out our snow shovels to build a snow pile.
- We made our own ‘ice jewels’ and found icy spots to slip and slide on.
- We did many holiday crafts and kept the bird feeder topped up.



Our Learning Adventures:

Imaginative Play:

Our snowmobile. As you can see, everyone has on their helmets.



Science and Technology:

Our voices sound different when we yell into the culverts. The most popular word to yell: POOP!



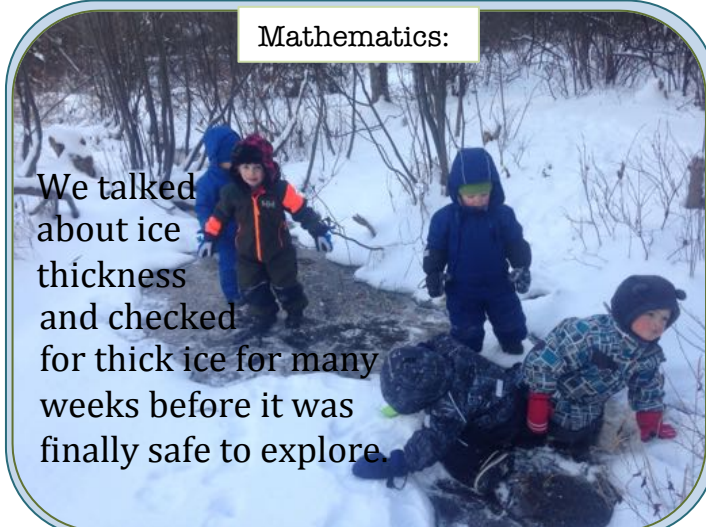
Sensory Experiences:

Learning to move with slippery skis on our feet.



Mathematics:

We talked about ice thickness and checked for thick ice for many weeks before it was finally safe to explore.



More Learning Adventures:

Creative Art Experiences:



We made hockey sticks for pom pom hockey.

Language and Literacy:



Our favourite cedar tree has inspired many stories. We are learning how to find more cedar trees with 'stringy' bark and flat needles.

Gross Motor:

Climbing, shoveling, and skiing in the snow.

Fine Motor:

We did many holiday crafts



Construction:

Building a snow pile - more shovellers joined just after this photo.



An exciting event:

First we mixed our colours and then, we waited for the -17 weather to do its thing. By the end of the day we had ice jewels!



Some Favourite Stories, Rhymes and Songs:

- *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, by: Dr. Seuss
- *Five little snowmen fat*, action song
- *We are the loggers sawing trees*, action song



Nature Observations and Discoveries:

This month we noticed that the snow changes everyday. On the days when a crust forms on top we can chop 'pizza slices' out of the snow.



Snowy mountains outside and a warm 'fire' inside.



We found snowshoe hare tracks and followed them to a small, but very exciting, piece of poop just beside the trail.



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 wet so, like with mittens and socks, it is a good idea to send an extra along.

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