

PreK and K Reflections 2/1- 2/5, 2021



Student's paper-making efforts from last week are adorning the hall bulletin board.



This week's Forest Friday focused on how snow is formed, radial symmetry and some snow friend melting observations. The windows of the multi-purpose room are full of their unique creations.

Our poem this week was I Had a Little Snowman, an annual favorite complete with hand motions.



Tuesday was a remote learning day due to the snowstorm.

We continue with fine motor, individualized letter sound sorts, visual discrimination challenges, and more.



Our focus in math is teen numbers, learning that they are 10 and some more. The English language names for teens are very tricky for young learners!

In early January we queried CIS students for questions of interest about the human body for a zoom meeting with USM nursing students. We have been in this collaboration with USM for a number of years but COVID kept them from coming out this year. On Thursday morning students got to meet two nursing students and get the answers for many of their questions. Some but not all of the questions posed were: Why do your eyeballs not pop out of your head, how do babies breath in utero, why do farts smell, why does soap wash away germs, how does our head turn, how do bones break, how do we feel pain? The nursing students had some great slides and video clips to help our students learn. We ran out of time but the nursing students, David and Tedra are willing to do it again.



On Friday, after learning how to fold a coffee filter into six sections students

Language sort, visual discrimination of form, and fine motor squeezing



made a snowstorm in the 3-5 classroom. They learned how snowflakes form by buddy reading with older students. Radial symmetry art was made with manipulatives as well as in the art project featured at the top of this newsletter. Each student made a snow friend in a cup and completed an observation sheet documenting the appearance of their snow friend now, predicted appearance in 30 minutes and predicted water level in their cup at the end of the day. A subtle introduction into the states of matter.



*Thank you for sharing your children.
Miss Nancy*

Looking ahead:

- February 9: FaceTime with Island Commons
- February 12: 100 day! Forest Friday
- February 14: Valentine's Day
- February 15-19: Winter break
- February 26: CIS Chinese New Year celebration