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Dear Parents,

Winter has finally hit our class, not only with the snow on the ground, but with our classmates getting sick. We will work doubly hard to keep the germs in our class at a minimum. I do think that all of our efforts have helped since we have been very fortunate in how many of our kids have not missed much school overall.

We have had a fun week. I think the children have really benefited from using our two classrooms. Both groups have been calmer and more ready to participate in our activities.

Each day we go over our weather and calendar...we sing the days of the week and talk about what they observed outside; what was needed to stay warm; and what season it is. The kids love to sing the Days of the Week.

We love to sing and dance and have lots of fun dancing to Freeze Dance and Listen and Move. We sang Father Abraham, Blast Off, the ABC's, and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.

We read Noah's Ark again, but this time we read it in the foyer of our school with the kindergarten's Ark in the background. They then got to crawl into the Ark and explore.

We also read Frozen Noses to remind us of winter and to reinforce the letter N. For our fine motor activities we used a container full of beans and hid snowflakes and snowballs in it. The children had to dig through the beans find and then count the items. We also painted and built puzzles together.

We matched the letters A-N with each other to review what letters we have covered so far. We also spent time at the board matching colors and shapes together. The kids put the right color paint brush with the paint can which had a corresponding color and shape to match.

We also used a felt board to sing and/or recite Nursery Rhymes. This week we did Hey Diddle Diddle, Mary Had a Little Lamb, and Jack Be Nimble. Memorizing Nursery Rhymes has proven to be helpful in many areas later in school. We even got to "jump" over the candlestick again.

Tuesday is Valentine's Day so please don't forget to send in your child's Valentines to share with the class. The kids have decorated their Valentine Bags and are looking forward to exchanging their cards. (15 total)

Thanks everyone, See you Tuesday! Stay healthy! Ms. Monica