This month has been a flurry of new activity. We began January’s theme, “Animals in Winter”, by talking about what we as people do in colder weather and then explored how different animals react to winter: dormancy, hibernation, migration and camouflage. This month the children spent time making animal paw prints, caves and burrows, observing animals from the Natural History museum, singing songs about winter, exploring different snow and ice-like projects at the water table and art tables, and listening to a variety of stories about animals in winter. We looked at books such as “The Mitten” by Jan Brett, “Bear Snores On” by Karma Wilson, and “The Snowy Day” by Ezra Jack Keats. We have added a new activity to our circle time- the calendar! Each day a new helper looks out the window and up at the sky to answer the question, “What's the Weather Like Today?” The changing weather has been a wonderful learning experience. On the way to the playground, the children are always interested to point out the quality of snow (melting, slushy) and if there are puddles of water or if the water has frozen. This will be a wonderful way to segue into next month’s school-wide theme, Water!

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow...

ANDRES POURING AND SCOOPING INSTA-SNOW AT THE WATER TABLE AND ADELINE PLACING A RARE SUNNY DAY ON OUR JANUARY CALENDAR AS THE WEATHER HELPER.

FELICITY SEQUENCING ANIMALS FROM “BEAR SNORES ON”. ZANE MAKING WOLF PAW PRINTS IN THE “SNOW”. JULIA USING PROPS TO TELL THE STORY “THE MITTEN”. 

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ANIMALS IN WINTER: LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

(STARTING WITH TOP-LEFT AND MOVING CLOCKWISE...)

- JULIA M. PAINTING A SNOWMAN WITH SALTWATER.
- FELICITY AND ELENA MAKING BEAR HABITATS.
- ANDRES ENJOYING ONE OF THE FEW PLAYGROUND DAYS IN JANUARY.
- ADELINE AND GWYNNIE READING "THE SNOWY DAY".
- ZANE DRESSING A SNOW PERSON IN A WINTER HAT, COAT, MITTENS AND BOOTS.
KEEPING OUR MINDS AND BODIES WARM

We want to say thank you to the people who made January warmer with your presence. We enjoyed hearing a story from Basil’s mother and weaving a colorful spider web in the morning Blue Room. It was also fun to celebrate Ilan and Sally’s birthdays in the morning Blue Room. Thank you to Ilan’s mother and Sally’s mother for sharing stories with us on those special days.

The afternoon Blue Room friends had the privilege of participating in Martin Luther King Day activities in the University Center. We created a sculpture, colored pictures and Mrs. Bird led us in a sing-a-long with the Green Room and Kindergarten friends. The morning friends also participated by listening to stories about friendship despite our differences and coloring people shapes and doves for a collage.

Mrs. Tomer       Miss Stevens       Mr. Salinetro
CELEBRATING A GREAT PARTNERSHIP!

FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, THE CHILDREN’S SCHOOL AND OTHER LOCAL SCHOOLS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A PARTNERSHIP WITH DUKSUNG WOMEN’S UNIVERSITY IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA. THIS YEAR, THE CHILDREN’S SCHOOL HOSTED FOUR STUDENTS AND THE THREE’S TEAM WAS PRIVILEGED TO HAVE MISS SJ HAN AND MISS JUDY LEE IN THE RED AND BLUE ROOMS.

TO SAY WE ENJOYED THEIR TIME WITH US WOULD BE A HUGE UNDERSTATEMENT! FROM DAY ONE, THEY ENGAGED THE CHILDREN, HELPED THE TEACHERS AND RAN ACTIVITIES. WE ARE SAD TO SEE THEM LEAVE BUT ARE HAPPY TO HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO MEET AND WORK WITH THEM!
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