Greetings Three’s Families,

The Three’s segued into January’s theme “Animals in Winter” from December’s theme “Building” by discussing how we get out of the cold weather by staying in our warm homes! Some animals do the same thing. Then each group talked about what people need to wear to stay warm and that winter is cold and dark and for animals there is less food for them to eat. The animals get ready for the winter in the fall by storing food as fat, growing a warm coat of fur, and making a nest or finding a place to sleep. The following vocabulary words were introduced through books, music and play - Hibernation, Dormant, and Migration. Some of the favorite books were - “Ouch” by Ragnhild Scamell, “A Little Bit of Winter” by Paul Stewart, “Hibernation Station” by Michelle Meadows, “The Mitten” by Jan Brett, and “Snowy Day” by Ezra Jack Keats, to mention a few. The children learned which animals are true hibernators - frogs, toads, bats, and bumble bees, which are dormant - bears and which migrate - birds, such as geese. We climbed into boxes for caves, hid snakes under rocks and flew birds across the room in “V” formation. The children created their own hedgehog to retell the story, “Ouch”, and they made their hand print on an oven mitt to retell the story, “The Mitten”. They also enjoyed making sparkly snowflakes, painting with frozen water color ice cubes, and making animal tracks in model magic. During dramatic play, the children pretended to be bears sleeping. We will continue to do this as we learn more about next month’s theme “Theatre”!

Joaquin and Cheryl feeding the animals before hibernation.

Cheryl staying warm in winter!

Joni

Roni building a home for an animal in winter.

Red Room doing animal puzzles.

Maggie counting and sorting.

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Let’s Try This!

Sloan washing the winter mittens.

Holden tracing Mr. Salinetro’s hand.

Tigerlily laughing with Ruthie and Mrs. Tomer.

Cheryl, Jaycee, and Lily pretending to be sleeping bears.

Holden painting his hedgehog.

Sloan staying toasty warm and building with the imagination blocks.
LEARNING BY DOING!

Sam writing a story about animals in winter.

Roni and Cheryl painting their hedgehogs.

Tigerlily painting a winter storm!

Sloan using the forest animals and getting them ready for winter!

Maggie in the Make Shop using the pulley.

Roni and friends calling to Pete, the metronome, to wake up!
HERE ARE SOME OTHER MOMENTS

Making ice cream with Mrs. Loomis.

This is not a string, what is it?

Sam painting his hedgehog.

James, Branden and Lily playing with the insta-snow.

Holden, is this warm or cold?

Sam and James hamming it up! Our next unit will be “Theatre”.

Sam playing the game “This is not a string”.

Tigerlily

Mrs. Loomis, Ms. O’Neill, Mr. Salinetro, Mrs. Tomer