

~Infants~

January was full of snow in all different ways. We brought it into play with, we watched it fall outside, we went outside and enjoyed it, and we made lots of snow art. During group time we practiced hooting like an owl, waddling like a penguin, counting snowmen, and putting snowflakes on our heads and bellies. We decorated our room with winter animals, and snowflakes of all kinds, and made a lighted igloo to relax in. A few friends moved up to toddlers, it is always hard to see them go but we know they are ready for bigger adventures.

February our theme is love. Our sign is also love and our color is **red**. Our storyboards include songs about giving valentines to each other, buying cupcakes to share, and Skidamarink a Dink a Dink. The children will practice putting valentines in and taking them out of the little mailbox. During this time the children can practice sharing the valentines with their friends. Sharing is a great thing to start talking about at this age. The infants practice showing gentle touches to their friends, bring them items when they are sad, and share when there are multiple items to be shared. This isn't always the easiest skill to work on at this age but the exposure to it really helps as they get older and experience it more in their lives. In your playtime at home, you can practice sharing by asking your child to pass you a toy and then giving it back to them when you are done. It may need to start with practice passing the toy back and forth. For some other sensory exploration we will make bubble foam to play with as we add rose pedals and mix them around.

Things to remember:

- *Please remember to keep a jacket and hat here for your child as we still get outside as much as we can.
- *As the snow turns to slush, please take your shoes off before entering the classroom and siblings should stay outside the room.
- *It is important to us to know what your child did before they came here so please take the time to fill out the sheet before you finish drop off in the morning.

Sending Love,
Your Infant Team

Sign for "Love"

