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We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break. We are so excited to see everyone back in the new year and be able to play in our freshly painted room! In December we had so much fun talking about the different holidays we celebrate and the traditions that each family has that make winter such a special time of year. Along with our holiday traditions, we talked about our families and our communities! We read books about what makes a family and looked at our family photos. We know that all families are different, but they all have love for each other. We talked about our communities too, and how we fit into our communities. We played with fire trucks, police cars and garbage trucks. We "wrote" letters and sent them



off to the post office. We also celebrated our December virtue of giving and sharing, by helping the people in the communities we live in. We made art and cards for Ms. Kati's Grandpa and the other senior citizens on his floor in the nursing home. It brought lots of light and joy to the floor, and all the cards are hanging on the residents doors!

Our theme for the month of January is winter. We will be exploring all of the aspects that come with winter in the Midwest! We will have sensory exploration by bringing some snow in, we will work on new vocabulary around the winter clothing we wear, and having the kids explore winter gear, even helping some of our older friends with their fine motor skills around getting dressed and undressed in winter gear! We will also do a little science experiment where we see what happens to a snowman that's left inside! Since no one loves putting their bare hand in freezing snow, we will also use lots of art materials that represent snow, like cotton balls on contact paper, which will encourage infants to use their grasping motions and work on pulling! Lastly, we will be doing an exploding snowman science experiment with



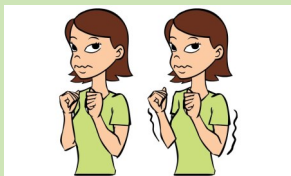
baking soda and vinegar!

For our crafts and arts this month we will be having the children "dress themselves" with their winter gear. Also, we will be doing a couple of different snowflake activities such as: tape resistant art where we have the children paint over our tape picture. The other snowflake activity is taking a cookie cutter and dipping it in paint and creating our own picture. Lastly, we will trace the infants hands to create a mitten and have them glue on cotton balls.



This month we are so excited to have Riley as part of our classroom, and we are equally as excited to see all the fun that Lincoln is going to have moving up to Toddlers!

Our Sign Language this month is:



Cold



Snow



Help



Hat

Looking forward to another year of fun and learning! Love your infant team!

~ Elizabeth, Marty, and Heidi