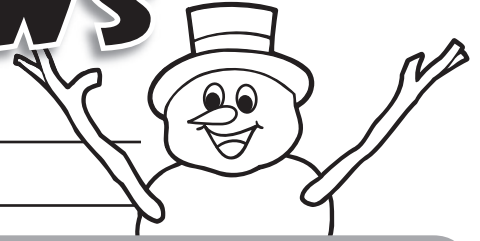


# Classroom News



Teacher: St. Mark's Preschool - Miss Wahl

Date: February, 2012

## What We Did in January

We spent most of January learning about the season of Winter. The children's favorite activity was playing with our "Insta-Snow." They did a great job determining whether it was real or fake. We also discussed how water turns to ice when it freezes and did an experiment to determine what makes ice cubes melt most quickly.

Next, we learned about polar animals and how they stay warm in frigid conditions. The children got to experience how "blubber" (a plastic sandwich bag full of Crisco) made their hands stay warmer in ice water! We're wrapping up January learning about bears and hibernation.

## What We'll Do This Month

To finish up our bear theme the first week in February, we'll read "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" by Eric Carle and make our own class book, "Students, students, what do you see?"

After that, we'll complete a two-week theme about zoo animals. We'll read some fun books, including "Zoo-Be-Doo" and "Rumble in the Jungle." Of course, we'll also read books about Valentine's Day and do some fun Valentine's crafts!

## Crafts to Do at Home

Valentine Hug (A hit for grandparents)

- Trace and cut, from red construction paper, your child's hands.
- Measure the distance from finger tip to finger tip of your child's arms with yarn and cut.
- Attach a handprint to each end of the yarn.
- Place inside a card with this poem:

A Valentine Hug to you.  
Wrap these hands around you  
whenever I'm away  
So you can have a hug from me any  
time of day!

## Big Announcement!

Beginning in September 2012, St. Mark's will be offering wrap daycare for our preschool students from 6:30 AM until 6 PM. Stay tuned for more information, or contact the preschool with any questions!

## Reminders

-We'll be closed February 20th-24th for our Winter Break. Enjoy the Winter weather with your child!