



# PITTSVILLE Child Care Center

## Director of Child Care Center Board Report February 14th, 2022

### Infant

This month the infants enjoyed learning about ice, snow, arctic animals, and cold weather! They explored a sensory bin filled with snow from outside and worked on their fine motor skills with an arctic animal rescue activity where they save animals that were taped to a board. They painted with colored ice and loved watching the ice melt on their pictures. Their favorite thing they did this month was explore the new light table! They enjoyed building with legos and working on numbers!



### Toddler

This month, in the toddler room we learned all about snow and arctic animals. At the beginning of the month we made marble painted snowflakes. We put paper, paint and marbles in a bin and shook it around. We also went outside in the snow to scoop or shovel up snow and put it into buckets to make snow castles. A fine motor activity we did last month was coloring with colored ice cubes. We loved this as we learned what colors the ice would make when they melted. We also made a little “Antarctica tub” filled with blue water and arctic animals.



### Preschool

In the preschool room, we focused on winter and nocturnal animals. Our dramatic play area was transformed into an ice skating rink, where we pretended to skate, ice fish, build snowmans, and make hot chocolate. For our science and stem activities, we investigated properties of matter.



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We placed ice cubes in a mixing bowl with salt on top and slowly poured a cold bottle of water over the ice cubes and watched an ice tower form. The letters that we learned this month were W for winter and I for Igloo. We sang the song, “Down by the bay” and replaced the lyrics with rhyming nocturnal animal rhymes. Example: Did you ever see an Owl using a Towel? After each funny rhyming pair we stopped singing and talked about what two words that rhymed. We also created shadow nocturnal animals by shutting off the lights and using flashlights to guess what the animal shadow we saw on the wall.



## **School Age**

In our school age classroom, we love to create and experiment with new materials. We are always busy using our imaginations and classroom materials to make something new. This month we turned boxes into airplanes and submarines. We also did a salt crystal experiment and made our own snowflake crystals. We took science outside and made snow volcanoes which created colorful explosions. We also did a liquid sugar cube art, where we stacked and shaped our sugar cubes and decorated them with different liquid colors.





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**Looking Ahead**

Due to a staff shortage, we are no longer able to properly staff our PCCC and BASP. We had to make a difficult decision and will be closing our before and after school program for our school age children, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, beginning February 28th.

We are currently looking to hire 2 lead teachers and 2 non-lead teachers or teacher assistants to help fulfill all of our positions. Our jobs are posted through our district's social media, Pittsville Record, Buyers Guide, and Indeed.com. We are continuously looking for different ways to advertise and draw new applicants.