



Dear Parents,

The past few weeks at Innocent Minds were so enriching as children got to know more about their homes and families. They also enjoyed celebrating Christmas. All new concepts were explored through:

- Listening to stories related to the themes.
- Attending a puppet show that introduced family members.
- Playing the "Who is the missing family member?" game.
- Watching a video related to homes and families.
- Hanging a big family tree on the class board.

In language, the parts of the house were introduced: the kitchen, the bathroom, the living room, the dining room, the bedroom.

As well as introducing family members:
grandparents, father, mother, children.



In math, in addition to the previous shapes, children are now able to
identify and name the star shape



Counting and discovering new numbers were so much fun. Children learned to name numbers, often trace them, and relate them to collections.



In Science, they learned about the silver and gold colors when they were hanging Christmas ornaments on the tree. Their books also were filled with pages that allowed them to work with both colors through tearing and sticking gold and silver glossy papers.

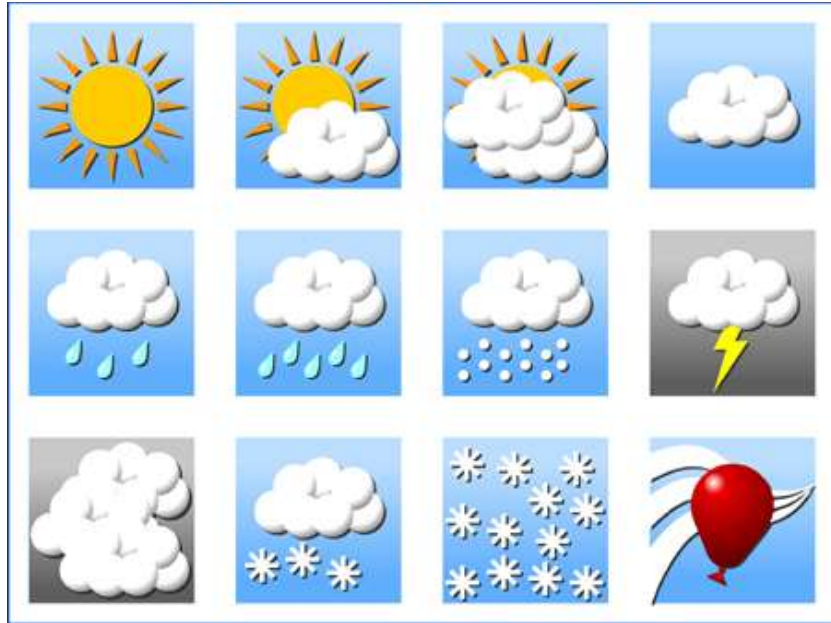


Hot/cold: children experienced the sensation of running their fingers through hot and cold water.



Tall/short: The teachers introduced tall and short through many physical exercises such as lining up from the shortest to the tallest.





December is also about winter. Children got the opportunity to learn more about the winter season and its characteristics. The teachers read stories about winter and helped the children discover

winter clothes



winter sports



They also enjoyed decorating their classes and celebrating Christmas and New Year with many fun characters.



Songs:

Three In a Family

Here is Daddy. (thumb)
Here is Mommy. (index)
Here I am for three. (pinky)
Together we're a family,
As happy as can be! (clap!)

I'm a Little Snowman (Sung to: "I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a little snowman short and fat.
Here is my scarf and here is my hat.
When the snow is falling come and play.
Build a snowman every day.

"This is my Family"

This is my mother, kind and dear. (make
a fist and point to your thumb) This is
the father sitting near.
(shown each finger in turn)
This is the brother strong and tall.
This is the sister, who plays with her ball.
This is the baby. Littlest of all.
See my whole family large and small (wiggle
all the fingers)

Next month activities will tackle community helpers and means of transportation. The children will have the opportunity to meet with many community helpers and visit a fire station.

