

ISLAND PARK UFSD

UNIVERSAL PRE-K



December 2018

Time for Creativity

The unit theme we will continue to explore this month is Me and My Friends. The Reggio-inspired activity that we plan to explore together as a group are the different ways that holidays are celebrated all around the world. From this, students will learn how different cultures and countries celebrate during the holidays. We will work independently on learning new characteristics about our friends around the world!

Learning through Play

Q: While playing in the science center a student questioned, “Why do scientists wear goggles?”

A: We discussed that scientists wear safety goggles because they use materials and/or liquids that might accidentally get in their eyes. By wearing goggles, scientists keep their eyes safe from these foreign materials.

Q: While playing outside on a cold day, a student asked why was she able to see her breath?

A: The children learned that the cold air outside cannot hold as much water as the warm air in their breath. So when their breath hits the cold air, it forms into a little cloud.

Our Newest “Reads”

Ask your child about the facts we learned and the characters we met while reading!

- ◆ *Snowflakes Fall* by Patricia MacLachlan
- ◆ *Frozen Noses* by Jan Carr
- ◆ *Gingerbread Friends* by Jan Brett
- ◆ All the sounds we know and use to help us read are: a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, and u.

Math Counts! We can now count to 15.

The number concepts we worked on this month include:

- ◆ *Rote Counting (the number word list up to 15)*
- ◆ *One-to-one correspondence (one object paired with one number word)*
- ◆ *Cardinality (how many in a set of up to 10 objects)*

Write from the Beginning

The letters we are learning to write are: a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, and u.

Quote of the Month

“Our task regarding creativity, is to help children climb their own mountains, as high as possible.”

Loris Malaguzzi

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The UPK students greatly appreciate your help in keeping our classrooms clean!

Parent Tip of the Month

- Encourage your child to be responsible and independent! If you consistently set the bar high, your child will rise to the occasion.

