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Snow Facts and Fun Activities for Kids

The first snow of the year is always a big hit with the kids and they can't wait to get on their winter gear and go outside to play. While being outside is a wonderful way to burn off energy and stay fit over the winter months, parents can also use their outdoor time as a teachable moment.



Snow Facts

You can amaze your children with little facts that they can easily remember and discuss with their friends or with other family members. Some really cool snow facts your kids will love include:

- Snow is actually the same as rain but due to the freezing weather the water vapor freezes in unique patterns rather than forming into drops.
- It takes about 180 billion water molecules to make one snowflake.
- Every snowflake that ever falls has six sides.
- Just about 12% of the Earth is always covered with snow or ice.
- The most snow that ever fell in one 24 hour period in the United States was in 1921 in Silver Lake, Colorado. They found themselves with 76 inches of snow when the storm ended.
- Mount Baker ski area in Washington State received 1,140 inches of snow in the winter of 1998/1999.
- To be called a blizzard a snow storm must have winds of at least 35 miles an hour, visibility has to be less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile and the snow has to last for at least 3 hours. Anything less than this is a snowstorm.
- Snow is highly reflective and, without protection for your eyes you can actually become snow blind on a sunny winter day.

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How to Get Back On Your Feet

Whether it is personal or career related, everyone suffers a painful failure during their lives. As upsetting as these failures can be however they can also serve as inspiration to get you do it right next time once you have gotten back on your feet.

The first step to getting back on your feet and find inspiration again is to admit your failure. Refusing to admit failure can really hold you back as failure can actually be a vital tool to teach you what is not working in your life.

It is also important to remember your successes at this time.

One failure does not undermine all of your past successes so rather than focus on the thing that went wrong instead concentrate your attention on all of the things that have gone right for you.

The next step is then to take action and decide what you are going to do next. Take stock of everything you have learned and move on to the next phase of your life.



Take A Look At What We Are Doing...

This month's theme is: "Terrific Tools"

- **Infants:** We will engage and stimulate the children through social interactions by talking, dancing, singing, and through sign language. We will also discuss and discover useful tools and new things they can do while developing self-concepts and other skills. This month is going to be a cold month. Please remember to bring extra winter clothing to store in their cubbies.
- **Toddlers:** Experiencing with tools is a big part of children's learning. Anything can be a tool, not just the one that exercise motor skills or fix things. This month, the toddlers are exploring tools that will show how they can be handy anywhere in school or at home, inside or outside. The children will meet familiar people and the tools they need to get the job done. They will also discover some other things they would not think are tools like minds, hands, and voices. We will continue to work on sight words for the month and enjoy a healthy fruit snack such as apples and oranges. We will also work on the hand coordination by introducing cereals that they can pick up. Our colors for this month are red, white, and blue.
- **Twos:** We will talk about the season of winter. We will discuss the snow, the color of it, and how we dress for the cold weather. We will also be talking about healthy foods like what food are good for our bodies. We will identify the colors of the foods that we eat. Also, the twos will continue to work on sorting, counting, the alphabet, and shapes. Along with reading our book, we will also use our flannel board for story time. During story time, we will make animal noises. We will also be making snowflakes.
- **Threes:** This month, we will be discussing different tools and what they are used for. We will watch tools in action. We have big tools and small tools, tools on our bodies and tools throughout the classroom. What do you think is a tool on your body? How do you use it? What does it do? How does it help? We will discuss how tools can be many different things.
- **Fours:** We will be talking about different tools to build with and different tools to learn with. We will discuss the importance of different workplaces and research some different tools that were needed in the process of building. This month, we will focus on the letter A,B,C,D and the colors Orange and Yellow. As a science experiment, we will graph what colors we think orange and yellow will combine to be. We will also talk about our families and activities we enjoy doing together.
- **After-schoolers:** We will discuss the different holidays that people celebrate all over the world. We will discuss Dr. Martin L. King, Jr's birthday. The children will write their own "I have a Dream" speech. We will pick winners of the Super Bowl. We will create a winter picture and a New Year's resolution pictures. We will write a plan to help us with our New Year's resolution. HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Happy Birthday!

Jan 1 Dakari
Jan 3 Israel
Jan 7 Jaisaiah
Jan 8 Chyna
Jan 15 Logan
Jan 21 Joana
Jan 25 Saniya



Center News:

The classes will be welcoming the New Year 2018 with a New Year's party.
The children will make party hats and party noise makers.

Happy
New Year!



**Creative Day School will be closed Monday, January 1st.
Happy New Year!**

Parent Questions and Answers:

Question: How many days can my child miss in a month if I receive subsidized assistance?
Answer: No more than 10 days.