

MERCER
ISLAND
BEFORE
AND AFTER
SCHOOL CARE



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2012

Important Dates

Jan. 3—
Tuition and
Change forms
due

Jan. 16—
Kids Co. Closed
in observance of
MLK

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End of Year Highlights

During December we experienced exciting and new projects to go with our theme of Winter Fun. We enjoyed three weeks of new adventures with Winter Sports, Sounds of the Season and Winter Arts. During Sounds of the Season we learned how to write a Haiku, create borax snowflakes, and that different types of music can feel different ways to others. Our Winter Sports week allowed us to enjoy some of our favorite gym games, conduct an ice salt experiment and create a snow sports TV (an art project with a paper TV our favorite winter sport.) Winter Arts gave us the opportunity to look at different artists such as Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa and abstract art pieces created by kids; we also created a winter wonderland diorama, yarn sculptures and sugar cube igloos.

We look forward to the new adventures we are going to undertake as the New Year begins! Our month will be filled with new science explorations, from ways we can challenge ourselves to the science of color.

Amanda

Ice Science Experiment

During our morning session at Lakeridge we conducted an experiment with ice and looked at which substance might make the ice melt quickest. We used a few pieces of ice, one which served as a control we did not alter. Upon the other bowls of ice we placed salt, ice melt, and baking soda. In doing this we learned about the scientific method and how to form a hypothesis with an if:then statement. Which do you think made the ice melt the fastest?



Result: *The Ice Melt was able to melt the ice the quickest.*

Photo Album



Winter Break Adventures



Corner

"Why did the Monster cross the road?"

"Because he wanted to know what it felt like to be a chicken!"

Margot V. 9

"Why were soldiers running around their beds?"

"To catch up with their sleep"

Ryan K. 8

"How come you can't tell a pig a joke?"

"Because it's a squealer"

Madison W. 8

Kids