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December in Review

Out with the old and in with the new! One thing that will never change is our values and our approach. REV it up at Discovery Village with Relationships, Experiences and Values. We are ready to welcome a New Year with bright beginnings as well as continue to care for, nurture, and support the interests of our villagers! December was a joyous month and allowed for many opportunities to be involved in helping others and spreading love! We held a food drive for Feeding Westchester where we donated two hundred and two pounds of food as well as fed one hundred and sixty eight families. We had a special visit from “Santa and his helpers” whom came to donate toys to all of our Toddler and Pre School aged children. Happy New Year!



Hands-On Learning and Discovery!



It's so important for us to bring the beauty of our natural environment into our classrooms. We had experienced our very first heavy snow fall in December and our villagers were so curious and intrigued by the fluffy white substance that covered the grass, cars, and our playground. All of the classrooms went out to grab some snow and bring it indoors to enjoy a sensory experience. We played with snow in individual sensory bins accompanied with cups, spoons, shovels and other manipulatives. During these experiences we have conversations about texture, color, temperature and weather conditions. Speaking of texture, we have been using a variety of tools to explore with paint as well as on our tummies in the infant rooms! The infants have sensory mats with water beneath them so the children can feel the textures through the mat. Sensory experiences can be both messy and creative! We welcome these moments in all of its forms as well as embrace the process of learning, feeling, understanding and having FUN!



Employee of the Month



 Miss. Jocelyn 

We would like to recognize Ms. Jocelyn as the January 2021 employee of the month. Ms. Jocelyn has been working in the Early Childhood Education field for five years with children of all ages. Jocelyn began at this location working with infants and is now a teacher in the Pre-K classroom! The children really gravitate towards her for her calm and nurturing demeanor. We are so proud of how much Jocelyn is growing with the Discovery Village team as well as how much she contributes to the classroom. We want to thank you, Jocelyn, for all of your hard work and dedication and for being such a bright light in the preschool wing!



Reminders

Discovery Village will be **closed** on Friday January 1st 2021 in observance of New Year's Day. Discovery Village will be **closed** on Monday February 17th 2021 in observance of Presidents Day.



Staff Birthdays this month:

January 4th – Ms. Jessica

Quote of the Month

