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## *December in Review*

Welcome, 2022! We are very excited for a new year of learning, discovery, friendship, and exploration! In December, we had a week of clay exploration accompanied by many other science and sensory experiences and experiments! We brought in snow from outside after our first snowfall and explored it in sensory bins! We used our senses to understand the texture, the temperature, and the sound that snow makes when you manipulate it in between your fingers. In 2022 we have implemented a recyclable material of the week that is available for all classrooms to use in a variety of ways! We had a silly sweater day where all of our villagers and teachers came in looking funky and silly! We also had our classroom parties for the holiday and a surprise toy donation and a visit from Santa! We also held a food drive where we collected non-perishables for families in need. We collaborated with Feeding Westchester and fed hundreds of families. Thank you all for your contributions!



# Hands-On Learning and Discovery!



We strongly believe in providing a community of wonder, calm, and love for all students. Each day, our villagers are presented with an opportunity to learn and discover new things based on their strong abiding interests in the world around them. Explorations and activities are derived from observations in the classroom and from listening to the questions and inquisitiveness of the students. Our infants are continuously exposed to language, music, and materials that will allow them to explore and ultimately become familiar with language and expression. Our curriculum is designed to nurture the inner scientists, explorers, artists, and independent souls of each villager. We feel that by providing a safe environment and a place of comfort and calm, it will allow for a child to feel free to explore the world around them. Take a look at these immersed students in a variety of art, science, and social experiences where their faces of wonder and discovery tell it all! Oh, what fun it is to learn to love and love to learn here at Discovery Village.



# *Employee of the Month*



It is with so much pride that we recognize Ms. Darlenys as the January employee of the month! Darlenys is such a vibrant teacher, mother, and individual whom we are delighted to have as a part of the Discovery Village family. Darlenys comes to work each day with a positive attitude and her willingness to learn and connect with each student is outstanding. We are so proud of Darlenys's growth and commitment to evolving as an Early Childhood Educator. Darlenys is always dancing in the afternoon with the children and she creates a hands-on and exciting environment for the students each day. The children are so excited to see her on a daily basis and Discovery Village is honored to have her as a part of our team. Thank you for all that you do, Ms. Darlenys! You are a rock star teacher.





## Reminders

Discovery Village will be **closed** on **Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>** in observance of **Martin Luther King Jr day.**



Staff Birthdays this month:

***Ms. Thalia – January 17<sup>th</sup>***

**Happy New Year! 2022!**

## Quote of the Month

