

January 2022 Documentation – Milliken Mills Childcare Centre

Learning experience: Outdoor snow discovery and exploration

After the giant snowfall we had in January, the outdoor play area was blanketed with snow. It was a perfect opportunity for the children to engage in some snow play.



We put out some snow toys and shovels and let the children decide on what to do with them.

“Look, Mr. J, I made so many ice creams. Ice cream is my favourite and I have one, two, three, four, five, six. So many.” – P.

“We are making a tunnel, the snow is so deep. I like the snow when they are soft not when they are hard.” – M.



“I am sinking, the snow is so deep.” – J.

“Look Mrs. L, we are sharing the shovel. I took a turn, then P will take a turn. Sharing is caring.” – E.

“Why is it so quiet when it is snowing? And is it just me or does it get warmer when it snows?” – K.

The children took charge of what they are doing, made thought-provoking and observations asked interesting questions about snow.



Learning Experience #2: Snowman art and craft

As a continuation of the snow discovery and exploration, the children asked if they can make some snowman in the classroom. They wanted to make the snowman because they were afraid their snowman outside would melt and they couldn't bring them home. We gathered some craft supplies and started making our own snowman.

"This one is smaller than the one we made outside but this one won't melt." – C.

"I want mine to have the big snowball at the top and the small one on the bottom." – E.

"Would it be okay to colour the snowman? Isn't snow white?" – K.

"My snowman is warm because I made him a scarf." – J.

The children used this learning opportunity to think creatively about snow and how they can interact with it differently than playing with it outside.

