The east preschool is now studying water, ice, and snow. With this season’s higher than normal snow fall, the preschoolers are deep in hands-on learning. A question of the day was: “What happens when ice and water mix together?” Dylan said “It melts.”, Jeannie said “They would get frozen!”, and Rohan said “cold.”

The pictures show: Jeannie reading winter stories to herself, Sesame painting snow, Ethan eating a snow icy (blended ice) with cranberry juice; and Lola and Rohan with our student teacher Mykell playing with ice, water, and turkey basters in the water table.

At recess time, the preschoolers will head outside. The snow can be fun for them if they are dressed appropriately. Please be sure to provide hats, gloves, and boots for your children so they can enjoy the snow outside. The only time preschoolers will not go outside is if the air quality is poor. Take a minute to teach your child about air quality and review with your family what you can do to help our community. Below is an insert from an article by UCAIR & KUTV Tuesday, January 12, 2016 that provides easy ideas for families to make changes.

What can the public do to help improve air quality?

- Lower Your Thermostat: By joining with other Utahns in lowering your thermostat just two degrees, you can help make a big difference in improving Utah’s air.
- Carpool: TravelWise by carpooling to work with friends or coworkers. Each carpooler that joins your commute reduces an average of 16.6 pounds of CO2 emissions per day.
- Don’t Idle: If you are idling in your car for more than 30 seconds, shut your engine off to reduce your emissions. If all Utahns were idle free, it would reduce emissions by 893 tons per year.
- Try Transit: If you take public transit instead of driving to work or school once a week, you reduce an average of 5.4 pounds of CO2 emissions. Join with other Utahns in taking public transit and you can help make a big difference in improving Utah’s air.
- Resist Wood Burning: Burning wood causes health effects like coughing, headaches, eye and throat irritation, asthma attacks, heart attacks and strokes. Remember, on mandatory air quality action days, wood fires are not permitted except for households that use wood burning as their sole source of heat.

Visit UCAIR.org to learn more about how you can make small changes today that will have a big impact on Utah’s air quality. There you’ll find handy calculation tools that will show you how much these little changes add up to improving Utah's air for all of us.

Upcoming Events:
- February 8 Vision screening
- February 12 Parent Night Out
- February 15th President’s Day. Campus Closed
- March 14-March 18 Spring Break. CFDC Closed.
Montessori Penguins

In Miss Rachel’s class, children are studying the Polar regions and have been learning about the Emperor penguins of Antarctica. After trudging through the vast wastelands practicing their penguin waddles, here are the ‘Emperor penguins’ frolicking on an newly discovered iceberg!

Learning Letters

Ute fans paying homage to the biggest U Miss Rachel’s class could find.

Celebrations

Before leaving for Winter Holiday, the classes joined together and sang carols around campus. They pose for a picture on the Park building stairs.

Marko working on letter sounds by organizing objects by their beginning sounds.

Kieran and Giselle participating in our class celebration of their birthday - Giselle holds the earth as they walk around the sun five times, representing each of the years they have been on the earth as it has orbited the sun.