

Winter Happenings Kinsklub:

The holiday season had us bustling at Kinship to find ways for the kids to share gifts they created themselves with others they care for. Stressing the act of giving over the monetary value of giving is an ongoing lesson in life. A few of our Kinskids are showing glimpses of understanding as they share their artwork and talents with others.

We have been working on our Keys to Kinship Kindness and established a sticker and reward plan with our younger Kinskids in an attempt to strengthen positive behaviors. The kids added some specific ideas that are now posted at the Kinship House as a reminder of what good behavior looks like. Using appropriate voices, not running inside the house, no climbing in, on, under the tables are examples of what they added. Clearly, they know and understand what is expected of them, now to just execute all the positive behaviors and attitudes. We've seen more inclusive behavior with their peers here and excitement building as they work towards earning 6 stickers for a prize. Some have experienced the pain of losing an earned sticker and some have pulled themselves back together to not lose a sticker. A chat with each Kinskid is building an understanding of what's going right and what's going wrong. They willingly admit when they haven't earned a sticker & own up to why.

We have been indoors during the bitter cold of late but still enjoying all things snow themed. Snowflakes have been created and many discussions on how everyone is unique just like snowflakes are unique. All the winds and atmospheric influences create different patterns to snowflakes, as all the events and choices we make in life influence how each of us grows and changes. Please peek at our windows to see our individual and unique snowflakes and snow people!

Soon our hands and hearts will be turning towards all things Valentine's, and once again how we can give gifts of our hearts to others.