



JANUARY



Important Dates:

- ❖ January 1st New Year's Day! *Happy New Year!* We will be open Jan 2nd!
- ❖ January 15th Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- ❖ January 21th Martin Luther King Jr. Day!
We are open!
- ❖ Back to school Jan 14th!!

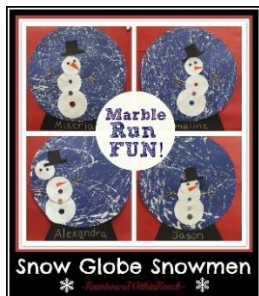


We will be OPEN for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 21th, 2017 so please bring your school-aged child to us... We will do a winter fun art projects play games, and create a fun delish science projects.



MATERIALS NEEDED FOR SNOWGLOBE CRAFT:

*blue, and black cardstock *small snowmen cut from white cardstock *white paint *marbles or small balls *large cardboard box *buttons or other embellishments *scissors *markers *glue *snow themed embellishments (foam snowflake stickers, etc)



INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE BALL PAINTED SNOW GLOBE CRAFT:

To get started I cut out large circles from blue cardstock and then we put each circle inside a large cardboard box. Next we dipped marbles and balls in white paint and then dropped them into the cardboard box. The kids shook the boxes and rolled the balls around to make lines all over the blue cardstock.

Monthly themes:

Week 1: Winter/ Weather

Week 2: Winter Wear

Week 3: Winter Sports

Week 4: Hibernation

Week 5: Arctic/ Polar Animals

Monthly Letters & Color:

A & B

White/Blanco

Yoga:

Tent

Monthly Shape:

Octagon

Monthly Number:

1 Uno

Monthly Sign Language & Spanish:

More/ Mas & All Done/ Terminado





Snowflake Marshmallows are soft and fluffy marshmallows cut into cute snowflake shapes!

Ingredients

*1 cup (cold, divided use) *3 packets unflavored powdered gelatin
 *1/3 cup light corn syrup *2 1/4 cups sugar *1/8 teaspoon salt
 *1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract (or more, to taste) *1/2 cup powdered sugar
 *1/4 cup corn starch



Steps to Make It

1. Spray a 9x13-inch pan with nonstick cooking spray. (You can use an 11x15-inch pan if you want even thinner marshmallows.)
2. Place 1/2 cup of cold water in the bowl of a large stand mixer. Start whisking the water gently with a small whisk or fork, and while you're whisking, gently sprinkle the powdered gelatin on top. Go slowly and stir well so the gelatin is absorbed evenly and there are no clumps. Set the mixing bowl aside while you prepare the sugar syrup.
3. Combine the remaining 1/2 cup of water, corn syrup, granulated sugar, and salt in a medium saucepan. Place over medium heat, and stir while the sugar dissolves. While it heats, stir frequently and brush down the sides of the pan with a wet pastry brush to prevent sugar crystals from forming. Once the mixture comes to a boil, insert a candy thermometer and stop stirring. Cook the sugar syrup to 245 F (118 C).
4. Once at 245, remove the pan from the heat and take out the thermometer. Place the mixing bowl with the gelatin mixture in the mixer and start beating it on slow speed with the whisk attachment. While the mixer runs, slowly stream in the hot sugar syrup. Aim to get the syrup to fall between the sides of the bowl and the whisk blades, so it doesn't splatter all over up the sides of the bowl. Once all of the syrup is added, gradually increase the speed to medium-high and whip for 5-7 minutes, until the marshmallow is very shiny and thick, and when you stop the mixer and lift the whisk up, it falls from the whisk in a very slow, thick ribbon.
5. Add the salt and peppermint extract, and mix briefly to combine. Scrape the marshmallow into the prepared pan and smooth it into an even layer. Let it set and firm up at room temperature for at least 6 hours, or overnight.
6. Sift the powdered sugar with the corn starch. Sprinkle the sugar/starch mixture on top of the marshmallow, and all over your work surface. Flip the marshmallow out of the pan, and sprinkle more sugar on top. Spray a snowflake cookie cutter with nonstick spray, and cut snowflake shapes out of the marshmallow. Periodically stop and spray the cutter again if the marshmallow starts sticking.
7. Toss the marshmallows in the sugar mixture to keep them from sticking together. Store Snowflake Marshmallows in an airtight container at room temperature for up to a week.



Olivia 1/6 7 years old

Kassandra 1/14 18 years old

Evam 1/22 8 years old

If you only do
 what you *can* do,
 you will never be more than
 what *you* are.



Extra Activities Available:

Dance with Camille Deal
 Piano with Lusa Rylski
 See front desk downstairs for
 more information.



Winter is here!!!!!!

Please make sure you bring winter gear for your child(ren) every day! We go outside each day. We do nature walks and park visits as well. The children always have a great time when on this adventures so please be sure to dress them appropriately.

It's getting cold outside!



You're
 BRAVER
 than you
 believe, and
 STRONGER
 than you
 seem, and
 SMARTER
 than you
 think.

