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Downtown Ithaca Children's Center  
December 2014 - Newsletter

## CLASSROOM NEWS

**Firefly Room** – We are exploring the winter weather by taking walks and playing in the snow.

**Green Room** – We have been doing lots of fun things with the Sciencenter. We have learned about different smells and different ways things feel.

**Purple Room** – We have been having fun learning about sea animals. We have been talking about Thanksgiving and what we are thankful for.

**Rainbow Room** – We are continuing with our letter of the week. In December, we will be learning about the various winter holidays.

**Dragonfly Room** – We have worked on a lot of sensory activities this month, like pudding painting, sand, and gluing different textures.

**Butterfly Room** – We worked on counting different objects around the room and some fun Thanksgiving projects.

**Blue Room** – We have been working on sensory activities all month long.

**Yellow Room (School Age Program)** – We made winter crafts, like snowflakes for our windows and “Olaf” snowmen.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Cold Weather Is Here** – Please make sure your child has the appropriate outside clothing as we will be going outside unless it is raining or extremely cold. They will need a jacket, hat, mittens, snow pants and boots. They will also need sneakers everyday.

-**Snow Policy** - Snow Closings: In order to better serve you, we will try to be open whenever possible and will be making our own decisions about whether or not to close. You can assume we will be open unless you receive a text message or email notifying you that we will be closed. We will also send messages if we decide to open late or close early. To avoid problems please be sure your “Spam” folder in your email program will accept mail from [downtownithaca607@gmail.com](mailto:downtownithaca607@gmail.com).

-**Attendance** – Please call the center before 9:00 am if your child will be later than 9:00 am or will be absent.

-**Annual Report** – Our 2013 Annual Report is posted on our website.

-**Winter Break** – We will be closed from December 24th - January 4th.

# Happy Holidays

### Upcoming Events – December

15	Board Meeting from 5:30-730 pm at DICC
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Courtesy of Hostess with the Mostess

# Pom Pom Snow People

Craft these fuzzy snow people from pom-poms for a cute table display. Stick a bamboo skewer through two pom-poms and a Styrofoam ball for a head, and then top off with a felt hat and a pipe cleaner wrapped as a scarf.



Photographs by Laura Johansen

# Mini Marshmallow Men

You'll need just a few common ingredients -- chocolate, marshmallows, and fruit leather -- to make a batch of these wee toothpick-topping cuties. Slide three **mini marshmallows** onto a toothpick. Melt **white chocolate chips** or candy wafers in a heat-safe bowl according to the package directions. Dip the marshmallows in the melted candy to coat them. Place on a sheet of parchment or waxed paper and let the coating set. Melt **chocolate chips** and red **candy wafers** in two separate small bowls. Use toothpicks to draw details on the snowman with the melted candy and let it set. Trim a scarf from **fruit leather** and wrap it around the snowman's neck.