

# Nicky's Nest Newsletter

A newsletter for the kids of the  
CCMC Med 4 Pediatric Oncology & Hematology Division

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*Reflection of Winter 2020/2021*

## Special Events During the Week:

### Monday

-3pm DIY with Danielle  
on MeTV

### Tuesday

-11am Pictionary on MeTV  
- 2pm Doodle Time

### Wednesday

-3pm Bingo on MeTV  
-Ice Cream Cart

### Thursday

-Theme Day  
with Crafts & Activities  
-2pm Wheel of Music

### Friday

3pm Bingo on MeTV

### Saturday

-Art Cart Crafts



## What's New in Nicky's Nest?

### Winter Wonderland!

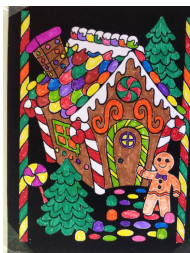
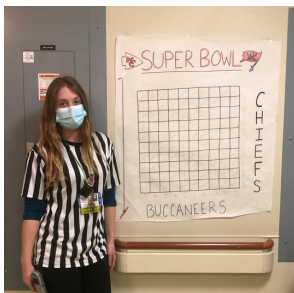
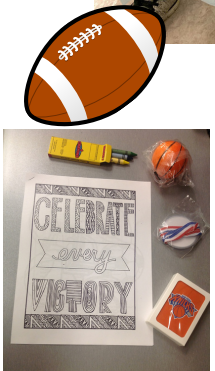
**Winter was full of exciting holidays and events this year. During the last few cold months, the kids stayed cozy in their rooms while *Nicky's Nest* brought some fun to the bedside! Especially with all of the snow days we had, we did a lot of snow themed crafts and activities. We even got the chance to enjoy a winter themed paint party on MeTV, Winter Bingo and game shows like Wheel of Music, Doodle Time and Pictionary. No matter where we are, we are always creative and enjoy our time together!**

# Theme Days

## SPORTS DAY

The biggest "Sports Day" of the year is the Super Bowl! Crafts and activity packets were handed out to celebrate the fun. Everyone loved participating in our Super Bowl Box! Kids, families and staff all picked their favorite numbers and Brandi, the Child Life Assistant, wrote their names in. After the Super Bowl scores were in the winners got a special prize!

Brandi handed out medals to all of the kids to decorate and celebrate something they accomplished!



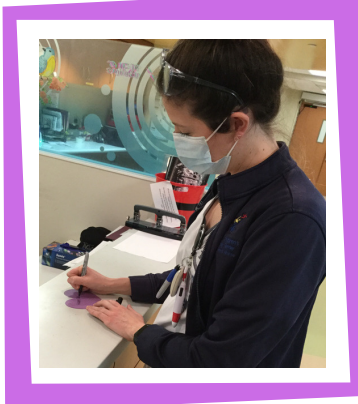
## Winter Theme Days!

We had so many cool theme days this season! "Let it Snow", "Ugly Sweater", and "Oh the Gifts we Give" were a huge hit! Snow globes were handed out to all the kids and they decorated them with a picture of their loved ones inside! With the supplies from *Nicky's Nest* they got to design their own ugly sweater and make winter puzzles for gifts. "Let it Snow Day" was a great time with all of our fun snowman crafts. Gingerbread houses were painted and even winter games were played, like "Don't Break the Ice". In February the kids received goodie bags filled with heart themed items for "Spread the Love Day".





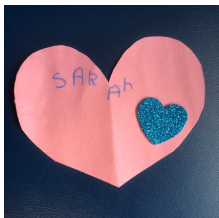
# WINTER HOLIDAYS!



Valentine's Day was so much fun! Brandi, the Child Life Assistant, handed out craft paper, glue and markers from *Nicky's Nest* so the kids could make Valentine's Day cards for their loved ones!

To get everyone involved in spreading the love, Brandi handed out hearts to kids, families and staff so they could write something nice to each other and put it on their door. Nurse Alyssa enjoyed writing a thoughtful note to one of the kids. We love spreading positivity even when we can't be together. On Saturday, goodie bags were given to the kids as a special treat! This year really was super special!

## Valentine's Day



## NEW YEAR'S EVE

The kids made New Year's Eve resolution boxes! They decorated them with fun stickers and placed any goals they had for the upcoming year inside of the box!



The kids and staff worked together to make the unit well decorated for winter holidays this year! The nurses and Child Life staff helped the kids decorate trees with lights and ornaments. The Unit Receptionist, Maddie, decorated the glass doors with fun characters! Brandi, the Child Life Assistant from *Nicky's Nest*, passed out supplies and did fun paper crafts with the kids. They were able to color in a lot of winter pictures to make their rooms super festive! We handed out wooden dreidels for the kids to paint and play with, as well as fun menorah fuzzy art!



## WINTER IS HERE!



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## PAINT PARTY



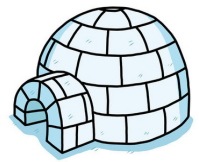
Every season we have a paint party! This winter we painted a snowman! Our Child Life Assistant, Brandi, brought supplies to the kids so they could participate from their rooms. She hosted it live on MeTV and gave step by step instruction on how to paint a winter snowman! Everyone had a blast and some kids even got to show off their paintings when they were done! We love to see how unique everyone's artwork comes out even when we do the same project!



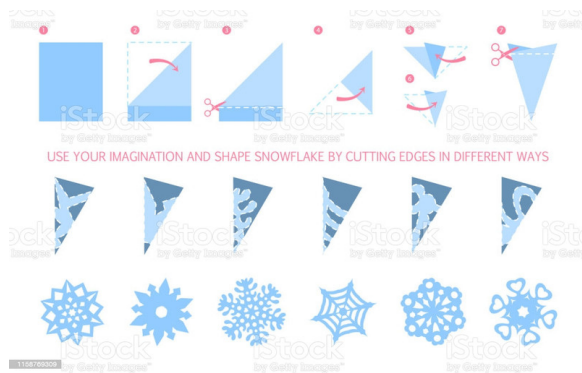
Every Friday we play winter bingo on MeTV with our host, Danielle and royal friend, Prince Robert! Our unit always has a ton of winners! We love all of our virtual events while we are in our rooms!



Backpacking with Brandi was back on MeTV with yet another adventure. Because of all the snow days, she decided to take a trip into her own backyard to build an igloo! This show is a great way for the kids to experience fun outdoor activities without leaving their beds! After the igloo was complete, she taught the kids how to build a snowman!



Want to know how to make paper snowflakes for a special event?





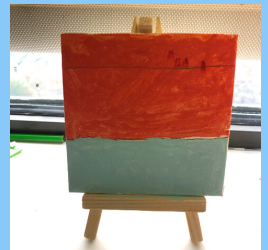
# LET YOUR CREATIVITY SHINE



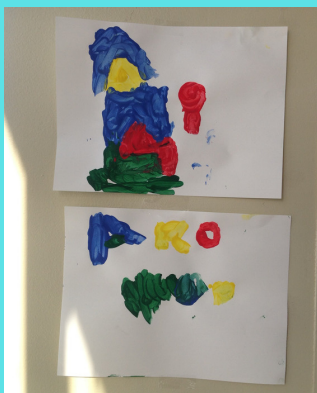
Steven brought his favorite bear John to keep him company. He made a John Jr. with some Model Magic and paint from *Nicky's Nest!*

## ART SHOW COMING SOON!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR ARTWORK DISPLAYED IN THE SHOW, SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK TO YOUR CHILD LIFE SPECIALIST.



Some of the families got into the holiday spirit and decorated their doors from top to bottom with Christmas coloring pages!



# POSITIVITY CORNER

## WHAT MAKES YOU

# You

Every one is different in their own way. Some things that separate people from others are their hobbies, interests and strengths. Growing up, people try new things and gain new experiences each day. For instance, learning a new skill, learning how to play a new game, sport, or going to new places.

Some of these experiences may involve finding out new dislikes, experiencing fears and overcoming obstacles. All of these things contribute to how someone may see the world. The good and the bad are all lessons and building blocks to the amazing person YOU are!

Here at *Nicky's Nest*, we embrace everyone's differences and encourage each person to celebrate who they are! We provide the space and resources for kids to be creative and expressive. We allow community and connection so we can learn from each other and share our experiences. We love to give each kid the tools to practice what they love and encourage them to be unapologetically them!



Our friend Asa proudly displayed his country's flag.

**Fight hard, smile big!**

## Winter Word Search

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| BLIZZARD   | FISHING     | SLIDING    | SNOWBALL     |
| HOCKEY     | SKATING     | SKIING     | PLOW         |
| ICICLE     | DRIFTS      | SNOWMOBILE | FLURRIES     |
| GLOVES     | JACKET      | SCARF      | BOOTS        |
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We would love to get to know who you are! Write a few things that make you the amazing person you are and share them with your Child Life Specialist.

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