

## Wonderful Winter 2025

Wonderful winter!? Some say those words with an exclamation mark while others use a question mark. At Kinsklub we try to be enthusiastic and put a positive spin on whatever the weather happens to be.

December had us in a giving mode. The Kinskids were busy creating works of art to give to others. We celebrated as a large group at our annual Christmas party. At the party the kinskids were fortunate to be able to “shop” for their family and friends and wrap up their gifts. They also had the opportunity to choose gifts for their teachers which were delivered to school. They participated in a group tessellation Christmas tree project that adorned our front window for the rest of the month. They wrote out Christmas cards to give to some of our nursing home residents and created fun yarn Christmas trees for decorations for their rooms and tables too.

Once January arrived thoughts turned to snow fun. The actual outdoor flakes have been a bit limited (which is ok for some of us) but it doesn't stop us from creating indoor snow themed creations. We have a handprint polar bear parade decorating our walls inside the Kinship house. Who knew that polar bears could have so many expressions on their faces? Snowmen have taken over the theme this month.. We have created many different snowmen using lots of different mediums including cookies!

Our teens have been learning a new game called Quixx - it involves strategy and math skills to win. There are other new games to learn yet this month... wonder what skills they might require? Our teens participated in watching videos learning about tobacco and vaping. They participated in written and verbal discussions about how their lives are influenced and impacted by tobacco and vaping. They offered up open, insightfully conversations and insight on the topic.

Soon our thoughts will be turning to matters of the heart. Focusing on the good we can spot in others and on the good we can do for others to make our hearts and hearts of others feel good. Kindness always wins! Finding ways for our kinskids to show off Kinship Kindness will be the trend for all of February because kind hearts aren't only for the 14th. Kindness always wins!

We invite you to stop in during our Kinsklubs and see what goes on during those noisy couple of hours. You really should see the polar bears! As always, peek at our windows for a glimpse at what's happening at the Kinship house.