

Blubber Gloves

Our preschool classroom here at Bullock Creek Elementary, part of West Midland Family Center, was very interested in our most recent study on ice! The class was very involved sharing with one another what they knew about ice and what they wanted to learn about ice. In class the students were engaged in an experiment together that helped them understand and experience how animals stay warm in cold climates. “Blubber gloves” were a huge hit. Blubber, is a thick layer of body fat that comprises up to 50 % of most marine animals. We learned that it is firmer and thicker than the fatty tissue of land mammals. Blubber gloves are fun and simple to make. We used Crisco to represent lard, Ziploc bags and duct tape. The students first felt ice and water without the gloves, then felt the difference with the blubber gloves!



Colton Young exploring the ice with the “blubber” gloves; they kept his hands warm while playing.

