Welcoming the New Year

This week, Ilisaurri Aaglu and Ilisaurri Saumik talked about the animals that are trapped to collect as fur to keep us warm throughout the winter months. We have been talking about and looking at each of the animals' footprints. We learned Amaġuq, Tiġiganniaq, and Qavvik tumi (footprints). We also distinguished them as small, medium, and large. The students used their Iríγruak to look out for the animals while hunting.

Notes and Reminders

- There will be no school Wednesday – Friday, January 27-29th as the UU teaching staff will be attending the Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children.

Iñupiaq Term of the Week

Siqiñiq

The Sun
Hunting

This week, we talked to the kids about hunting! We taught them that you need certain tools and need to make sure all your gear is in good shape to have a successful hunt. The kids made an art craft of an umiapiaq (skin boat.) As spring whaling is near, the whaling captains must make sure their umiapiat are fully repaired and ready for the hunt. The kids enjoyed playing with their Iriɢruak and imaging their own hunts, also learning of umiapiat.

We invite you to take a moment to complete a short survey. Please follow the link below.

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