

Ms.Lewellyn took 2nd graders out for their monthly outdoor lesson.They observed the mountain and how it has changed as winter approaches.Although the ground was too frozen for the planned garlic planting,they reviewed how bulbs are 'nature's refrigerator' (storing nutrients for growth in the bulb rather than absorbing them from the soil as seeds do) They observed the shape of an electric light bulb, and learned how it gets its name from bulbs found in nature! They learned the mythology and science behind garlic warding off vampires and mosquitos.The students felt the frozen ground and then moved on to planting their paper-white (narcissus) bulbs in jars with marble and lego planting medium. 2nd graders will learn about the Greek myths this spring, so they reviewed the myth of Narcissus- how this beautiful flower gets its name. Like us, the bulbs are all individuals, they will grow and bloom at their own pace, in their own space, in their own time. After exploring the garden, students headed back inside for book browsing, reading silently and aloud, seasonal word finds, and after checking out books, everyone joined in a group concentration activity with sound and movement, led by Ms.Lewellyn!

