It took us a day to get back into our routine but by Friday we were ready to work with our friends at the Island Commons. At the Commons we sang our holiday concert songs with them keeping the beat along with us. Next we had them join in with doing the beanie bag dance. Then the children taught the residents and took turns playing the feely bag game. It was so cute to watch the children tell the residents, "only sense of touch, you can't peek".

Our new themes are snow and fish. The children were surprised to feel a snowball in the feely container during Thursdays Nature classroom. It was a challenge for them to describe it without saying what it was since they all deduced it was snow. Also while in the nature classroom we piled up some snow in our best snowman effort and named it Frosty.

Looking ahead we will soon be starting our nutrition unit. Conversations about food groups and healthy eating are encouraged.

Practical Life/Art
- Pouring with a funnel
- Water squeezing transfer with baster
- Spooning transfer/sort with glass or wooden spheres into snowman bowls

Language
- Letter Pp
- New Rhyming work
- Dahlov Ipcar is still our featured author

Math
- New numeral to object matching "ice discs"
- Mitten numeral to dots card matching

History
- We dismantled our December calendar and changed over to a new month and year and added this month's holidays.

Science
- Fish works are gradually making an appearance

Music:
- Haydn is our new composer and we have been learning about pianissimo and fortissimo by listening to his surprise symphony.

Peace
- Our peace circle was an introduction to Rosa Parks.

Calendar updates:
Jan 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Jan 23: 10:45 to 11:45 school open house

Happy New Year - Miss Nancy