



# Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class December 6, 2024



## Language Arts:

~We looked for the Word of the Week: **like** in our books, poems and messages

~We are reading lots of books in small groups. We also read an emergent reader filled with high frequency words and a cute gingerbread man.

~We enjoyed lots of gingerbread themed activities this week.

We:

- read and compared different versions of *The Gingerbread Man*
- designed our own gingerbread person
- played an ABC version of Candy Land
- created letters and words on playdough gingerbread mats.
- found matching rhyming pairs in a gingerbread sensory bin.
- used our 5 sense to explore and describe a gingerbread cookie

~We continued to work on writing more personal narratives. We are really focusing on telling our stories orally first, and then recording our ideas using words and pictures.

~Foundations - This week's letters: v~van~/v/ and w~wind~/w/.

We are matching letters with their sounds, writing letters on our dry erase slates and attending to stories. We also practiced discriminating the number of words in a sentence and changing key words in sentences to change their meaning.

## Books:

~The Gingerbread Boy (2 versions)

~The Gingerbread Girl

~The Gingerbread Baby

~Stars



## Upcoming Events

### Monday 12/9:

Library Books due

### Wed 12/11:

Scholastic Book Order Due

### Friday 12/20

Early Dismissal

– Kindergarten - wear your holiday PJ's



### December 23<sup>rd</sup> through

### January 1<sup>st</sup>

Winter Break



## Math:

This week during Math we:

- ~We practiced writing equations to match given frames.
- ~made and are maintaining a paper chain to help us count down the days to Winter Break.
- ~worked with partners to solve a Rich Math Task involving cups of cocoa and various amounts of mini-marshmallows.
- ~Learned a new game called Grab Bag More or Less
- ~sorted and counted a collection of pattern blocks.



## Social Studies/Science:

We fully began our new Social Studies unit entitled "My Team and Self." Successful teams can do just about anything. But to understand what you can accomplish as a team, you need to understand who makes up the team, how those individuals can work together, and how diversity makes a team more powerful. This week we:

- read the story *The Giant Turnip* which illustrated how teamwork can be helpful
- watched and analyzed a video of the race car pit crew to see how members of a team can work together
- generated questions that we had about teamwork.

We have also been enjoying learning about everyone's family holiday traditions. We learned about Hanukkah, Diwali, Christmas and New Year's traditions and celebrations that our families enjoy.



## Birthdays

Thomas 12/17



\*Winter weather is now here. Going outside for recess is an important part of our day. It gives us needed physical exercise as well an opportunity to practice social skills. **Please make sure that your child has appropriate outerwear so they can be warm and comfortable.**

