

Kindergarten Newsletter
December 4th

Literacy:

This week in literacy, we studied about Gingerbread men, boys, girls and babies. We compared two of the stories in a venn diagram. We had books including gingerbread people, we made a Gingerbread Land (which can be seen in the hall) and we ended our week with a treasure hunt through the school to find all the pieces needed to decorate and taste our own gingerbread cookies. Our unit was very busy and we spent lots of time writing and absorbed in fun books.

Next week begins our two week unit on Mexico. We will pretend to take an airplane ride to Mexico and do many Mexican projects. We will practice up on some Spanish and learn about their culture. We will also end our unit with a Christmas Fiesta right before school lets out for the holidays.

Treasure Book:

Our Treasure Book this week was Gingerbread Baby by: Jan Brett. This story is about a brash baby that runs away from a village. Instead of the usual ending of the gingerbread cookie getting eaten, Mattie, the boy in the story, makes a gingerbread house and catches the baby and saves him from certain death. Our treasure today is a small plastic gingerbread cookie.

Our treasure book next week will be The Legend of the Poinsettia.

Math:

This week in math we graphed, measured, counted and patterned. We are transferring our information we collect in our calendar folder each month onto a graph for easy reading. We then interpret the information collected. We are also working on number recognition and counting one-to-one. Please practice these numbers and counting at home. We need lots of practice, especially with the teen numbers.

🎁 This year we will have a **gift exchange** here at school. If you would like **your child to participate**, here is what you do! **Girls will buy a \$3.00-\$5.00 gift for a girl** (just a girl, not a specific girl), wrap the gift, write on the tag to: a girl from: _____ (your child's name). If you have a boy, do the same, but label it to: a boy from: _____ (your child's name). You can send in your gift when you buy it.

Miscellaneous:

- *Please send in a December snack if you haven't.*
- *You may send in a water bottle for your child to drink from. This will reduce water fountain germ spreading.*
- The Northwest Illinois Reading Council is sponsoring a Christmas Story Time for parents and students in pre-K thru 3rd grade. The children will hear a **Christmas story**, receive a book, and there will be refreshments. This event will be held at the Elizabeth Township Library on Saturday, Dec. 5th, from 10:00 - 11:00 AM.
- *We are filling a couple piñatas for our Christmas Fiesta. Please send in small candies or toys to help us fill them.*
- *We will begin testing for the report card next week. Please make sure your child gets enough rest and eats a good breakfast.*

Dates To Remember:

Dec. 7: PTO mtg @ 7:00 in Library

Dec. 9: Holiday concert @7:00 **Be in the classroom by 6:30**

Dec. 22-Jan 3: No School~Merry Christmas

Jan. 4: School Resumes



Mrs. Kelzer, Miss Redfearn & Mrs. Wurster

