

Weekly note home- December 4-7

Thank you to all who attended our Family Activities this week. The children were so excited to have so many visitors! Remember- we are always open to having guest readers in our classroom!

We began our gingerbread study this week. We read several books to get our study started- two versions of The Gingerbread Man, The Gingerbread Girl and The Gingerbread Boy. We have been comparing the various storylines, especially the story's end.

We tasted gingerbread cookies and then graphed which part of the cookie we ate first- the head, arm or leg. Please ask your child what their first bite was. Many of the children thought the ginger made their mouth hot. We read a gingerbread cookie recipe and found that ginger, cinnamon and allspice were the ingredients that provide flavor for the gingerbread cookies. Ingredients was one of our new words this week.

We introduced the letter Gg this week. We talked about the letter G having a hard sound like in the word green and also having a soft sound like in the word gingerbread.

Putting the curved lines and straight lines together in a letter takes much practice. Please provide all types of writing tools and paper for your child to work on their skills. Play is the greatest learning opportunity!

Shopping at Santa's Workshop was an adventure for the children. It is wonderful to see the excitement the children have in selecting just the right gift for someone on their list. We are so lucky to have PIE to make these experiences possible.

Please continue to send any small boxes you have. We will have a wrapping center set up in our classroom next week.

December 10-14 will be Winter Dress Up week. Here is a list of the days if your child would like to participate.

Tuesday- Pajama Day

Wednesday- Ugly sweater or holiday colors

Thursday- Favorite Winter sport or Mustang gear

Friday- Wacky Winter Day- holiday related clothes and/or accessories.

Friday, December 21 our classes will again wear pajamas and have activities around centered around the first day of winter. You will not need to send lunch for your child that day- we will have a pizza party.

Stay warm!

Mrs. Miller

**\*Why fit in when you were born to stand out? Dr. Seuss\***