

December 14th

Dress up days were fun this week! I loved seeing the participation and excitement from the kiddos. This week we learned about letters C and G and worked on recognizing the written numeral 6. We read more gingerbread books like *The Ninjabread Man* and *Gingerbread Friends*. These are certainly fun books to read, but also help us practice retelling, remembering, sequencing and rhyming as we compare the different gingerbread books. We baked a big gingerbread cookie, decorated and ate it this week. We played games to practice counting, taking turns and recognize letters. We ate one bite of a gingerbread man cookie and graphed the part that was eaten first. Ask your preschooler which part was eaten first most often in our class! Centers were filled with gingerbread and holiday themed projects to practice letters, numbers, writing, fine motor, tracing and creative thinking. Finally, we ended the week with a visit from our very own Iowa State Fair Queen, Hailey Swan! She read to us and answered questions from the excited kids.

We welcomed Ms. Bethany Wettstein into preschool this week. She will be helping us out in a variety of ways while Mrs. Cook is on surgery leave. We're thankful to have her! Ms. Heidi is also working between our two rooms as needed to help.

Thank you for your food donations for the Lord's Cupboard. Your support is appreciated!

Vision screenings have come back, and papers have been sent home. Let our school nurse, Angela Davis or I know if you have any questions.

Students worked to complete a gift for you at school and we have sent those home. Let me know if it didn't make it!

Next week, I plan to teach the letter X and continue reading gingerbread books. We'll do some painting and practice counting syllables in words. I am going to let the kids vote for some fun activities throughout the week. I'm guessing they are going to want to cook – it is hands down one of their favorite activities! We'll wear pajamas for the first day of winter on Friday!

Important Dates

Dec 21: Preschool Pajama Day – First Day of Winter

Dec 24 – Jan 2nd: Winter Break

Jan 3rd: School Resumes

In January we'll start a study on pets because the students have been interested in a variety of animals and talk about pets often!

Thank you for the privilege of being your child's preschool teacher!
Mrs. Howard, Ms. Heidi, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Cason, Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Wettstein