

Weekly note home December 11-14

What a whirlwind week we have had with spirit days, gingerbread activities and getting ready for Christmas. Excitement is definitely building!

The letter we focused on this week was Bb. We encourage writing each day in a variety of ways. The children have enjoyed using clip boards this week to move around the room and ask questions to their friends. They then use their own writing, which may include scribbles, lines, mock letters or letter groups to write down answers. Some of the questions they asked were- What do you want for Christmas? Is your tree up? Do you have presents under your tree?

The children have enjoyed all of the different gingerbread characters we have been reading about. This week we read- The Gingerbread Bear, The Gingerbread Cowboy, The Gingerbread Baby and Gingerbread Friends. The stories have each had a little variation and the children have been excited to share their thoughts. We have used flannel board story pieces to retell the Gingerbread Boy story in large group.

Our word of the week was BAKE. We read over a gingerbread recipe (Betty Crocker gingerbread cookie mix), looking at the ingredients, the supplies and the steps we needed to take. Each student took a turn mixing our ingredients and then pressing the dough into our pan. The children were concerned the gingerbread cookie might get out of the oven. Lucky for us our kindergarten friends kept an eye and an ear on the oven as the cookie was baking. The large gingerbread man shaped cookie was decorated with frosting and sprinkles.

Please check out the Bloomfield Democrat Yuletide Guide. Our students answered the question- How do reindeer fly?

We set up an experiment to see why the gingerbread characters in our stories didn't want to get wet in the river. Please ask your child to share with you what we discovered.

Each child made a present for their family. They are in their back pack today.

I am predicting a busy week next week. Mrs. Guinn is coming to read to us on Tuesday. On Friday- December 21 we will have a pajama day and a pizza party. You will not need to send a lunch for your child that day. We will have a special story, a special game and some special music.

Your January calendar will be in your child's folder on Tuesday of next week.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Miller

***Success comes in cans; failure in cant's.* W. Peterson**