

K4B December 2nd Newsletter

This Week's Activities



Reading: This week we identified the letter name and sounds of Uu and Vv, U-u-u-umbrella or U-u-u-unicorn and V-v-v-van. Our theme was Gingerbread. This week we read or watched many different versions of The Gingerbread Man. Your scholars compared and contrasted the stories by identifying things that were the same or different. Our reading objective was to retell a version of the Gingerbread Man including main events, details, setting and characters.

Math: This week we reviewed the penny and practiced counting pennies. We worked on telling stories to add and subtract, see the parent activity. We reviewed basic shapes by describing them and by identifying attributes (size, shape and color). New this week, we learned how to tell time to the hour! We did this worksheet as a class. Next week your scholars will try telling time on their own!

Social Studies/Religion: This week was the first week of Advent. Over the next four weeks of Advent the scholars are preparing for the birth of Jesus by singing Advent songs and learning about the Advent wreath.

Each Monday we will read a version of the Nativity Story and we will pray before lighting the next candle on the Advent wreath.

We are also learning the Story of Christmas (The Nativity Story). Each day we will read a small book that tells one part of the story. After we read the book it hangs on our Christmas tree and we remove one link from our Christmas chain as we count down the days until Jesus' birth.

Friday Fun Art Day in the classroom: We spent most of Friday working on many crafts to get us in the holiday spirit!

-We began our day by making our own Christmas tree. (a few scholars who noticed the triangle shapes on the table identified the activity before I could tell the class!) The individual trees will be put together to create one class Christmas tree!

-Next, we briefly discussed St. Nick and how he sometimes visits and leaves something in a child's stocking. St. Nick visits the night of Dec. 5th so some children wake up on Dec. 6th with something in their stocking. (I recognize not all families participate in St. Nick so we do this as a class activity at school!) The scholars cut out their own stocking and used glitter and glue to add their initial and decorations. Later in the day we added cotton balls to the top.

-Our next activity was our science activity. **Science:** We explored how matter changes as we made cinnamon dough. As we settled in for rest time the scholars were called individually to help roll and cut out an ornament from the dough.

-Lastly, during rest time I pulled scholars who were not sleeping to decorate their own gingerbread foam shape. Other scholars finished this activity during free choice time.

-What a crafty day!

Winter Wear

The weather continues to change from day to day so please make sure your scholar is prepared. We go outside every day unless it is below zero or it is raining.

*Please make sure your scholar has a hat and weather-proof mittens (or gloves), a scarf is optional. (please label everything) 😊

*Please make sure they wear boots when there is any type of moisture/snowfall and make sure they have shoes for in the classroom. If you find it would be helpful to leave the shoes at school just leave them in the hall as you exchange them for the boots. (please label everything) 😊

*Please make sure your scholar has snow pants, even when there is no snow they add an extra layer of warmth! If you find it would be helpful to leave the snow pants at school for the week (they could be sent home on the weekend), just write a note in your scholar's folder for me. If they can stay all winter, please let me know that! (please label everything) 😊

Paperwork coming home

Every Friday I send home all the activities the scholars have done this week. I try to include an explanation in the newsletter so you are aware of the learning goals of the activity.

***Letter writing sheets- Letter U and V.** Your scholar is asked to write two of each letter, both upper and lower case. If there is time I will have them do more than two if they need more practice otherwise please practice at home as needed.

***Various images of gingerbread men-**scholars were learning to trace gingerbread man shapes or to rub over different gingerbread textured men then add details.

***Religion:** a color by number Advent wreath and Hannah's gift to God coloring sheet.

***Updated Cellphone Policy Letter**

***Christmas concert letter**

The CEE Christmas concert is on December 12th

Scholars will participate in two Christmas Concerts on Monday December 12th.

The first one will be at 10:00 am. There will be **No Kids Campus afterschool.** The evening program will be @ St. Hedwig Church. Arrive by 6 pm; concert begins at 6:30 pm. **Please see the CEE newsletter or web site for information!**

Have a great weekend! Mrs. Bauer