

Mrs. Catherwood's Castle News!

Word Families:

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In The Classroom:

Hello!

Please remember to send your child in a coat, hat, gloves, scarf on these chilly winter days!

Math Stations:

In math we used candy canes to measure various objects around the classroom, practiced identifying teen numbers using ten sticks and circles and how to solve addition problems finding a group of ten. We gave each student a gingerbread cookie, took one bite, and on what part of the gingerbread was eaten to make a graph (arm, head, leg, body). We then synergized with our friends to interpret those results.

Literacy.:

Practiced reading strategies of identifying major events in a story using "time words" (first, then, next, finally). We listened to the story Santa's New Suit and had students write and draw what new suit you would make for Santa; We read Gingerbread Baby,

Gingerbread Pirates, and Gingerbread Girl Goes Animal Crackers by Jan Brett and compared and contrasted the stories. Students were allowed time to decorate own gingerbread person and gingerbread house. We read Snowmen at Night series and wrote descriptive stories about what our snowmen would do at night. We then shared our stories and art with a class in Arizona!

Writer's Workshop:

We reviewed step by step of the writing process, worked on expanding ideas in writing, and how to write a closing sentence. We have had day-long celebrations for Gingerbread Day, Snowman Day, Grinch Day, Polar Express Day, and If You Take a Mouse to the Movies Day! We have been focusing on writing using our 5 senses and adding describing adjectives to our stories! We have also started our How-To writing unit which encompasses Informative Writing.



Science/Social Studies:

We "traveled" around the world to learn how other people celebrate holidays. Our class toured Chinese New Year, Las Posadas, and Christmas.

***We will be reviewing our word families and blends. Our next quiz will be in Jan. Your child's new words will come home when we return in January.

Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

BacktoSchool	1-2
Celebrate Success	1-11
Q ends	1-18
NASA Video Conference	1-24
Report Cards	1-28
Sci. Fair	1-29

Class Wishlist:

- Pom Poms, popsicle sticks, ribbon, wrapping paper
- GLITTER or METALLIC gel pens
- Letter Writing Paper (Stationary) \$ store
- 3M Scotch painters tape (tan & wide)
- printer ink HP 56 & 57
- Elmer's squeeze glue

Crowning Behavior!

Hip! Hip! Hooray!

"HIP! HIP! HOORAY!" to Kellen for always saying kind words to friends and thinking of win-win

solutions. And to Breelyn for being proactive with her choices by stopping and thinking about the smart thing to do!

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