**Pre-K News**

December 10, 2019

**Teacher Reflections:**

***“Run, run, as fast as you can… You can’t catch me, I’m the Gingerbread Man!”***

We have been having so much fun with gingerbread! It all began with Jan Brett’s story of The Gingerbread Baby! We have been busy in our choice centers baking gingerbread, rolling our gingerbread play dough and, best of all, eating yummy gingerbread. Be sure to check out your child’s gingerbread boy/girl hanging on our display wall too. ☺

We have also been very busy working on our “Christmas Counting” book. This holiday book focuses on number comprehension 1-5, and also teaches the children the formation of each number. When this book comes home please practice the number poems and the number formations with your child. A

**Children’s Highlights:**

* Making and selling cookies in the Bake Shop
* Repairing toys in Santa’s Workshop
* Gingerbread Fun
* Making the Christmas Counting Book
* Having Tea with the Gingerbread Baby
* Playing with the train set and traveling to the North Pole
* Holiday Art

**Home/School Connection:**

**Lively Letters:** Our new Lively Letter character is “Tapping T”. We are discovering the children are becoming very successful at retrieving letter sounds based on the Lively Letters characters. Please keep reading the characters stories to your child and practicing the sounds they make. ☺

**Holiday Party:** On Thursday, December 19th and Friday, December 20th ,we will be having a holiday party. Our activity for the day will be decorating gingerbread train. A sign-up has been posted on our Parent Board for anyone who is able to help us with the candies as well as our snack for the party. Thank you in advance for your help and support in making this a fun-filled day for the children.

**Portfolio’s & Parent / Teacher Conferences:** Your child’s portfolio will be sent home on Thursday, December 19th. A parent/teacher conference schedule is now posted on our parent board. The dates for conferences are Monday, January 6th & Wednesday, January 8h. We highly encourage every parent to sign up for a conference. It is a wonderful time to discuss the portfolio together and to share your child’s Pre-K learning experience from the home and school perspective.

**Special Events:**

**Holiday Break:** ELCM is closed on Tuesday, December 24th & Wednesday, December 25th.

ELCM is open for Extended Day December 26, 27 and 30 and will be closed on Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1st, 2019.

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