



Dear Families,

All of the Kindergarteners have made such great progress so far this year!

The themes for December are seasons and seasonal changes (specifically autumn to winter), and winter holidays (with a focus on the importance and symbolism of light). We will also read stories that have a gingerbread character in them, starting with *The Gingerbread Boy* by Paul Galdone and *The Gingerbread Girl* by Lisa Campbell Ernst. We will discuss the characters, setting, and emotions in each story as well as make comparisons between the two stories. We will work on sequencing the gingerbread stories and focusing on the beginning, middle, and ending of each story. If your family has a favorite *Gingerbead Man/Boy/Girl/Baby* story that you would like to share with the class, please send it in and I will add it to our collection for a few days.

In math we will be continuing to learn about measurement and we will begin to learn about estimation. We will also be working on our "tricky teens" and the concept of teen numbers being one group of ten plus 1, 2, 3, 4, etc... more (ex. 15= 1 group of ten plus 5 more).

I am planning a gingerbread character themed celebration on December 16th (from 1:30 - 2:30). Parents and grownup family members are welcome to attend. Please keep an eye out for further information and an invitation.

Sincerely,

Ms. Bradford

p.s. I have attached a revised copy of the class phone # list.