

Dear Room 11 Parents,

Two more weeks until Winter Break! Fasten your seatbelts – it is very busy around here!

The students completed some Gingerbread Man math activities. Please visit the hallway for an attribute sort and the classroom for Venn Diagrams, which is a visual way to compare sets of information. They compared two different versions of the story: Gingerbread Man and Gingerbread Baby.

Last week, we celebrated and learned about Hanukkah. Thank you, Marion (Lyla's grandmother) for coming in and sharing about the holiday and family traditions! This week we will learn about The Nutcracker story, ballet, and Christmas traditions. We will also celebrate Santa Lucia Day on Thu., Dec. 13, which is celebrated by many families in the Scandinavian countries (mostly Sweden), and Italy.

In Science, we are finishing up a Biomimicry unit in which the students have been learning about many kinds of adaptations that plants and animals have developed over time to help them survive. Just a few examples are: tree bark, thorns, prickles, sharp teeth, venom, camouflage, fast movement, echolocation, a hard shell, talons, etc. We will complete the unit this week with a special project.

Thank you so much!
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Volunteers This Week

W	Library 9:55-10:50	_____?
TH	Art 9:55-10:50 (whole class)	Lisette Parisi & Katie Moore

On the Calendar

Wed., Dec. 19	Winter Assembly, auditorium 8:30-9:30
Dec. 24-Jan. 4	Winter Break
Mon., Jan. 7, 2019	Return to school
Tue., Jan. 15	Family Game Night (tickets online at the school store)
Mon., Jan. 21	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Wed., Feb. 6	100th Day of School
Feb. 18-22	Mid-Winter Break
Tue., Mar. 5	Field Trip: creek restoration, Tiburon Marsh on Ring Mnt. 10:30-12:30

Sight Words: **made, over, did, down, only**