

Dear Room 11 Parents,

The students completed some Gingerbread Man math activities last week. 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 versions of the story: Gingerbread Man and Gingerbread Baby.

This week, we will learn about The Nutcracker. I will read the original story by ETA Hoffmann, teach a little about ballet, and share Christmas traditions. I used to sing at the opening night gala of the San Francisco Ballet production and never tire of this timeless German Christmas tale. Some of the children have brought in a nutcracker from home. You are welcome to send one in. We have a "hands-off" rule that I am trying very hard to enforce!

Next week, we will celebrate and learn about Hanukkah. Morris and his parents, Yoav and Lilian, will be sharing about this Festival of Lights and their family traditions. It all happens on Wed., Dec. 18, from 11:00am-12:00pm. You are very welcome to join us!

Both First Grade classes are taking a field trip on Friday, January 10th to the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. We will leave at 9:00 AM and return by lunchtime. The children will see the "Skin: Living Armor, Evolving Identity" exhibit. We will also see "Sun, Moon and Stars", which will be shown in the planetarium. It will be a great experience of fun and learning!

Tomorrow, Monday, you will find a student release/medical waiver form for your child in the homework folder. It is due back no later than the end of this week, Fri., Dec. 13.

For those of you that asked to come on this field trip, there will also be a form for you (adult) in the homework folder. Please complete and return it by Fri., Dec. 13.

For those of you that want to come but are not yet on my list, let me know asap so I can get you the paperwork!

Thank you so much!  
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### Volunteers This Week

W Library 9:55-10:50	Gabrielle Gaetani
TH Art 9:55-10:50 (A Group)	Lilian Leitersdorf

### On The Calendar

Wed., Dec. 18	Winter Sing-A-Long Assembly 8:30-9:30 in auditorium
Dec. 23-Jan. 3	Winter Break - no school (return Mon., Jan. 6, 2020)
Fri., Jan. 10	Field Trip - CA Academy of Sciences 9-12, San Francisco

Sight Words: **as, with, his, they, at** (look for these in daily reading)