



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Forest Hills Lutheran School

Mrs. Heldt

December 18, 2009

What a busy and hectic week! The children have been really excited for Christmas. We have enjoyed reading many stories about Christmas and the "true" meaning for our celebrations! Santa is fun and so is getting presents, but the best gift we could ever get came wrapped in a manger!

Reading is so much fun. We have been having a great time reading Gingerbread Man stories over the past week or two. We have read many different versions and compared the stories looking for similarities and differences. One of our favorites was the Gingerbread Baby by Jan Brett.

On Monday, we had the opportunity to make our own Gingerbread cookies. We had quite an adventure. Mrs. VanScoten peeked before the timer was up and our cookies ran away. They left us clues and we went on a hunt for

those silly cookies. It was so much fun! The children are still talking about those sneaky cookies. We discovered that there is something magical about gingerbread dough!

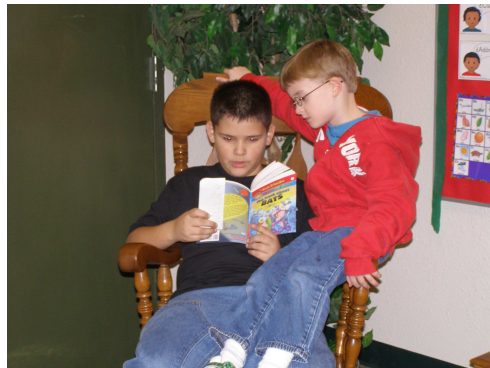
On Wednesday we had a lot of fun preparing for our cookie decorating day with our buddies. We spend the morning in the art space making sugar cookies. We worked on our Alphabet books and baked all morning. We met with our buddies and decorated those cookies later that day. We then had the chance to read Christmas stories with our

buddies in the library. The children always enjoy our time with our buddies!

We have talked a lot this week about the true meaning of Christmas. We have read many different stories about the night Jesus' was born. The children had the chance to create their own story using old Christmas cards. The children search for cards that represented the different parts of the Christmas story. Then they glued them to a paper to depict the story. This was a fun project and one I hope you will ask your child to share with you!

I wish you a blessed Christmas. I pray that God's love will touch you in a special way this holiday. I will miss your children over the break, but I hope that you find time to relax and enjoy each others company. I will see you all in the new year!!

In Christ,
Mrs. Heldt



Reading Christmas Stories with our buddies!

Homework for Christmas Break!!

Over the Christmas vacation, please spend time reading together, writing, and playing games. These are the most important skills to be working on everyday with your child. Spending time with one another is the best kind of homework any child could do.

Please spend time each day reading a few books and talking about words your

child knows, parts of the story, and retelling, predicting, etc. These are skills we work on everyday in class and I don't want the kids getting rusty!

As well as reading, encourage your child to write thank you letters from Christmas presents using their best guess spelling. Maybe you can help them stretch out the sounds in words. I would

encourage you to have your child write stories about what they are doing during the days off. Maybe you can staple them altogether to make a book to share with the class when we return to school in January.

Reading, writing, and games are fun and they are a great way to spend your time during the days off!

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
~Luke 2:8-11



Special points of interest:

Christmas Vacation :

December 21st through

January 1st