

Dynamic Dogs AM PreK Month of December

Since Thanksgiving, we have been busy! We have changed the way we do our center time, we have introduced a new game to our calendar area, studied the letters I and U, read a LOT of gingerbread books, done sequencing, patterning, and counting AND celebrated 3 birthdays! Whew!

Our feast was so wonderful and went so well thanks to the parents who volunteered their time. Having a few extra hands REALLY made the day go so smoothly. We even had children trying all sorts of things they never would try at home.

We had fun reading 10 Black Dots by Donald Crews. In the book, each page shows black dots used as part of a picture. Once we had read the book, the children picked how many black dots they wanted to use and made their own pictures. I hope you have enjoyed seeing these posted outside the classroom.

We had our 1st book study this month. We have been reading many different versions (5 to be exact) of the *Gingerbread Man*. We have been comparing how each of them is the same and different. The children came up with WONDERFUL observations about how to compare the stories. We have also caught them "reading" the books in the library and reenacting their own versions of the story on the playground. There were even rumors about writing our own version, *The Gingerbread Transformer!* :)

We finished out the theme by decorating our own gingerbread man ornaments for the children to bring home. They LOVED this project. We hope you all enjoy the ornaments.

Thank you all for your participation in our holiday sing. The children worked very hard on their songs and were so proud to perform them for all of you. We think they did a wonderful job. It was amazing to see so many people there to celebrate the children and our school.

As we head into our holiday break, I want to let you all know how much I am enjoying your children. Each morning I stand back and watch them and think "this feel like home". They are all so comfortable with our space, each other and us (the teachers) that it really feels homey. Thank you for sharing your precious children with me.

Have a wonderful break and I will see you back at school on January 2nd at 8:45!