

MRS. MCCARTHY'S NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19-22, 2016

Curriculum

Readers Workshop— This week we will read *The Gingerbread Man* and talk about what happened in the beginning, middle and end of the story. Students will have read to self and read to partner time this week.

Writers Workshop— During writer's workshop this week students will work with a partner to practice editing my work. They will use a green marker to for

a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence which signifies "go". They will use a red marker for a period at the end of the sentence which signifies "stop". Students will practice writing with a capital letter at the beginning and an ending mark at the end.

Math— In math we will explore a balance together and practice graphing both horizontally and vertically. We will also do a book

of gingerbread patterns.

Theme—

This week we will wrap up our unit of *Holidays Around the World*. We will travel to our last country which is China. Gingerbread day is on Tuesday. Please note, we do suggest that special guests take the gingerbread house home for the child to receive later.

Need to Know

- ◆ . Gingerbread Day— December 20th at 2:00
- ◆ Please send in a 2 inch binder along with a pack of 25 clear pocket sheets. These items should be labeled with your child's name. They will be used for an end of the year project. Thank you!
- ◆ No School—Holiday Break—December 22 through January 2nd
- ◆ Minnesota author and illustrator David LaRochelle is coming to Kennedy on January 19th. If you would like to purchase any of his books with his autograph, the order form is due **January 6th**.
- ◆ Please communicate with your child if you would like them to wear their snow pants for dismissal.

Mrs. McCarthy's Corner

Dear Families,

Our Gingerbread House Event is just around the corner! Special guests will sign in at the office and wait by the office until 2:00. At 2:00 they will be able to come to the classroom. The event runs from 2:00–2:30. If your child will be leaving with their special visitor after the event you must send a hand written note.

Kennedy Elementary asks that if a child is leaving before the end of the school day the sibling remains in school to finish out their day.

Thank you,

The Kindergarten Teachers

Happy
Holidays!