

Senior Kiddie Campus
Room 5

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and it's great to be back to start off the New Year.

Favorite Activity: The children enjoyed reading different versions of the gingerbread man story. We read The Gingerbread Boy, The Gingerbread Man, and The Gingerbread Bear along with some others! We enjoyed reading all the different versions and discussing the similarities and differences. The children then enjoyed trying a gingerbread man cookie at snack. To tie in Literacy they took turns looking around the room for letter G, writing letter G and the word Gingerbread, and thinking of other words that begin with G.

We also had many table games out this month that were educational and the children had fun with. We played a gingerbread short path game where the children practiced number recognition, counting, and turn taking. Another activity that worked on those same concepts was rolling a die and putting that many gifts on their tree shape.

Playing with Peppermint Playdough was a huge hit in the classroom too. Alongside the playdough we had rolling pins, cookie cutter shapes, and plastic cutting utensils. Manipulating playdough is great for working and developing the small muscles of the hand and helps relieve stress and anxiety which we all need this time of year.

In the area of science we had jingle bells and magnet wands in our sensory table which were mixed in with non-magnetic items.

A fun concentration game the children played was trying to pick up candy canes with a fishing pole!

Coming in January: Starting this month we will be assigning a job for each child that will change daily. Letting the children help out with daily activities will build self-esteem and responsibility and make them feel important. This is also a pre-literacy activity because the children will be matching the written word of the job to the picture of the job.

January Themes: Themes for the month are: Winter Weather, Animals in Winter, and Our 5 Senses