December 15, 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of the gifts! It was so nice of everyone!!!

I hope you enjoyed our winter concert. I know the children and I really did! They danced and sang so well! We had four performances this week.

This week our theme centered around the book, The Gingerbread Man. We practiced reading the refrain. We also built traps and hideouts for the gingerbread man in the blocks center. We acted out the story with puppet characters. We wrote a Gingerbread class book about where the Gingerbread should hide.

In math, we learned the dreidel game and how to take away, put in, take half.

In social studies, we discussed the various ways we celebrate holidays and other family events.

We had 4th grade buddies on Tuesday and Thursday. We had technology with Mr. Rob. We had the music dress rehearsal on Wednesday and the concert on Thursday. We had P.E. with Coach F. on Thursday and Friday. What an excellent week!

What a musical week!

**Parent Shares:**

Thank you to Jim for being the mystery reader.

Thank you Kimberly for organizing the costumes.

Thank you Amy for helping us all day on Friday.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who organized and helped out at our winter party!

**Announcements:**

1. **Homework:** 
   1. **Reading Log:** Read at least one book each day. Fill in the Reading Log for each book you and your child have read together. The December Reading Log is **due Monday, January 8th**. (I have attached a January Reading Log.)
   2. **Reading Journal:** Have your child respond in the journal to one book that s/he has read that week **due Friday, January 12th.**  Have your child label his/her drawing using inventive spelling (Say the word, stretch the word, write the sounds heard, repeat until the word is written to the child’s satisfaction.)

\*\*\*\* During the break, please continue to read every night and color in the reading log.

1. **Winter Break –** No School December 18th – January 5th

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns via email: [Benyaminy@westhollywoodelementary.net](mailto:Benyaminy@westhollywoodelementary.net).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Benyaminy