



# Catoctin DECEMBER NEWS

Elementary School

For the next few weeks we will be reading different versions of "The Gingerbread Man" story. We will work on comparing the different versions. We will also take time to learn about different holiday traditions, so please make sure to complete the "Holiday Traditions" enrichment. Hopefully your child will be coming home and telling you about what they are learning. We will all definitely be ready for Winter Break after these fun filled weeks!



## EVENTS

12/2-12/6 Book Fair

12/13 Gingerbread Party

12/20 Last day before Winter Break

12/23-1/3 Winter Break!

1/6- Classes Resume



## REMINDERS

- Now that winter is approaching and the weather has gotten colder, please remember to have your child dress in a winter coat. We will try to go outside when weather permits.
- Please check your child's take-home folder daily.
- There will be no gifts exchanged between students for the holiday.
- To help the children distinguish between a "b" and a "d" and "P" and "q", we remind them to use the "bed" check and "P's and Q's".

## LEARNING FOCUS

### READING

In reading, we will continue learning how to use our reading powers; Pointer Power, Reread Power, Partner Power, Picture Power, Snap word Power, Sound Power, Persistence Power, Book Talk Power and Pattern Power!

### MATH

In math, we will work on comparing numbers. We will also identify what comes next and before a given number. We will discuss how to gather and graph data. We will continue to practice counting orally by 1's and 10's to 100.

### WRITING

In writing, we will choose one topic and then write a pattern book. We will continue to edit our writing, making sure that we spell our sight words correctly.

### SCIENCE &

**S.S.** In Science, we will observe and graph the changes that are occurring in the weather. In S.S., we will discuss the different holidays and traditions people celebrate throughout the world.