

Happy Holidays!

Things that we did the week of December 6

Excitement filled the air this week as we talked about our **FIRST** big snow, counted the days until our all school Christmas Program, 4K Christmas Program/Gingerbread House Day, Christmas Party, and of course Santa's arrival!!! (It's been quite challenging, to say the least, keeping everyone on task and focused with all these fun things ahead!)

Letter **Ss** was introduced with its sound and signs. We also practiced tracing/writing **Ss** ("Down and around then belly to the back" - kind of tricky!), worked on our **Ss** page for our alphabet book, and took a peek at Mrs. Schaefer's Secret **Ss** Box – eating **S**marties, **S**kittles, and getting a **S**tinky **S**ticker was the best part!!!

Using **Ss** for **S**tars we discussed small, medium, large and reviewed our numbers 1-5 by counting/coloring stars too.

We're getting excited for our **4K Christmas Program on December 22nd** so each day we've been practicing our songs!

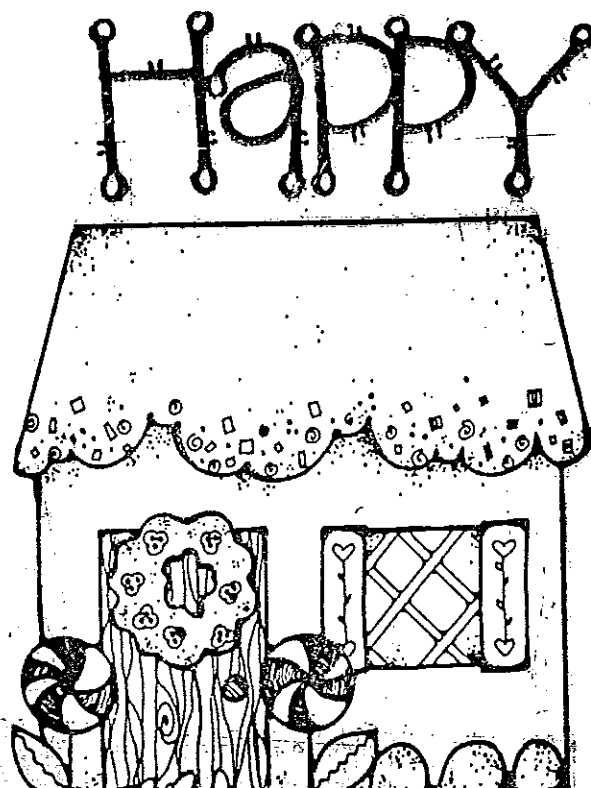
Mrs. Schaefer will start **testing** one on one this month and next because in January our first report card comes out! It's quite impressive with how much a 4 year old can retain!!!

OUR PROJECTS

Santa Sequencing
Stars (sm,md,lg)
Tree **S**ize Sequencing
Christmas Stockings
Letter **S** – Snake

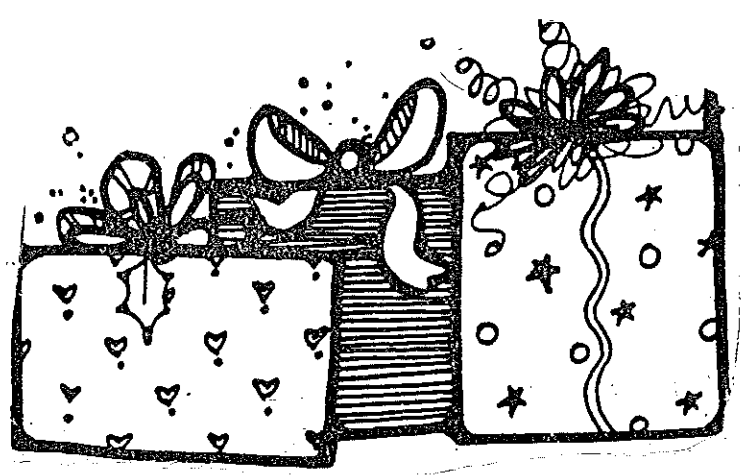
OUR BOOKS

Hurry Santa!
Snakes!
Stars Around Town



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
Dora's Little Star
Laura's Star
Silly Sally



DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 16 **4K AFTERNOON SESSION 12:25 PM – 3:15 PM**
- December 16 **4K-8 Christmas Program 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM**
(Please come straight to 4K classroom at 6:15 PM)
- December 22 **4K Christmas Program/Gingerbread House 9:15 AM**
(Please bring a large shoebox to carry G.H. home)
- December 21 **4K PM CLASS Christmas Party**
- December 23 **4K AM CLASS Christmas Party**
You will be contacted if you are scheduled to bring anything
for the party.
(Reminder: Each child should bring a boy or girl \$5.00 or
under gift for a gift exchange at the party. Please mark the
gift BOY or GIRL!)
- December 23 **NO SCHOOL 4K PM CLASS ONLY**
- December 24-
January 2 **No School Christmas Vacation**
- January 3 **School Resumes**

Thank you to **Ana (PM CLASS)** and **Abby (AM CLASS)** for bringing
in Wednesday's Special Snack!

SPECIAL NOTES

I notified the Bus Company about before/after school arrangements
for your child on our **AFTERNOON 4K SESSION** next **Thursday**.
Thank you for returning the Bus Questionnaire and remember if you
need to know approximate pick up and drop off times you will need to
contact Wittenberger yourself.

Mr. Erickson would like me to remind you to send **gym shoes** along on designated Phy. Ed. days. **THANK YOU!**

A big **THANK YOU** to those of you who donated a **coloring book** for the PTG's Annual Baskets of Love display. Next week Thursday all baskets will be on display in the lobby of school.

Now that the **SNOW** has officially arrived the children are always excited to play outside. Unfortunately we can't go outside every day and I can't guarantee which days we will be definitely going out either. So...to be safe (and I know it's a pain – Sorry!) please send all their "gear" each day if possible: snowpants, boots, hat, gloves, scarf, etc. If only boots are sent and we go outside he/she is only allowed to walk on the blacktop area and not go on the playground or snow hills. Also, **PLEASE** send the snow gear in a **separate bag** – sometimes it's hard to get even the folder in the backpack with everything else packed in their too. **THANKS!**

15 days until Christmas...

Have a Super Shopping Weekend!!!

