

Kindergarten

MRS.
DUMAN'S
CLASS

December 12, 2011



Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and enjoyed some family time. It's hard to believe we have only 3 more weeks until our Winter Break.

We are very sad to say that Mrs. El-Mohri's last day with us will be Friday, December 16. Students are working hard on a surprise going-away gift for her. We will be having a party for her at about 2:45 on the 16th. If you would like to donate something for our party, please let me know. She has one more class to finish next semester and will be graduating with her teaching certificate in the Spring. We wish her well, and welcome her back to visit any time.

Gingerbread Men

We will be reading and comparing several different versions of the Gingerbread Man Story right before our Winter Break. I would like to decorate gingerbread men as a culminating activity on Thursday, December 22. If you would be willing to make about 2 dozen Gingerbread Men Cookies for us to decorate on the 22, please e-mail me. Thanks in advance for your generosity

Gingerbread Houses

Attached you will find a note explaining gingerbread houses that we will be making the week of December 19. Please read and either return with your child, or email me with your response.

[More About Our Class](#)

You can learn more about weekly classroom activities by going to our class website:

www.mrsdumansclass.com

If you need to get in contact with me, my e-mail is:

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Some of the Things We Did Last Week

- * Worked on adding our feelings to our stories in writing workshop
- * Practiced continuing patterns
- * In handwriting we introduced the letters Y, Z, C and O. We also practiced the sounds they make
- * Introduced the word wall words "he" and "she"
- * In Phonics we sorted our names in different ways - first letter, last letter, syllables, etc.
- * At the listening center, we practiced beginning sounds by playing bingo
- * Practiced telling number stories using the + symbol
- * Started talking about what animals do in winter. We are using the terms hibernate, migrate and adapt
- * Finished our construction unit

Dates To Remember:

Monday, December 19 and
Tuesday, December 20 -
9:30-10:30 - Gingerbread
Houses with our Reading Buddies

Thursday, December 22 - Last
day of school before Winter
Break

Friday, December 23-Sunday,
January 9 - Winter Break

Canned Food Drive

From now until December 19, our school is having a canned food drive. Each classroom is responsible for a certain type of donation. Kindergarten is bringing cans of soup. We are also in need of any toiletries items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.) There is a box in our classroom for these donations.

Our student council will be making baskets of donations for families in our school community that are in need. We will also be making donations to an area food bank.

New Face

Next semester, we will have a new student teacher in our classroom from Eastern Michigan University. Ashley Stauffer will be here full time, and will be visiting us in the next few weeks.