

CMS Monthly News

December 2023



December is here again! It seems like a short month due to the vacation days, but it is certainly full of fun!

We will be having our traditional Pajama and Game Day on the last day of school before break.

There will also be a "Sweatshirt Day" to show off our favorite winter attire and much more.

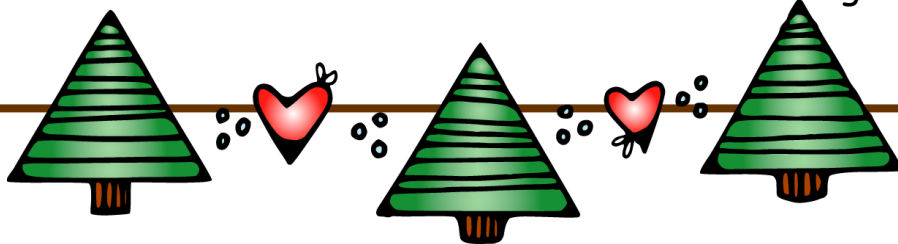
Be sure to read through the informational sections of the newsletter and as always, post your calendars someplace handy.

Please ask at the office if you have any questions.

Happy December!

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Sweatshirt Day

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Wear your favorite sweatshirt as we enjoy this fun "theme" day. The students will be having their pictures taken so be creative!

Winter Break

Week #1 December 18th - December 22nd

Week #2 December 25th - December 29th

School Closed



School Resumes Regular Schedule

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Pajama and Game Day

Friday, December 15, 2023

All classes will be having a Pajama and Game Day on the last day before Winter Break. As we approach the holidays, the energy and excitement will grow. Spending the last day in low key activities and playing with friends is a great way to start the Winter Break.



Items To Wear/Bring

1. Pajamas
2. A Game to share

Chap Stick

The Department of Children, Youth and Family Services views chap stick as a medication. We are only allowed to apply medications with proper documentation through the school office. Please keep chap stick at home and not in pockets or lunch boxes. Thank You!



from our home to yours
with Love.....

Don't forget that our food drive continues this month. Our heartfelt thanks to the families who have already given to those in need this holiday season.

Blessings to you all!

If your student gets a seasonal flu or any other vaccination, please let the office know so that your child's immunization form can be updated. Thanks!

SPECIAL INFORMATION

Please check with the office and confirm your contact phone numbers. With the weather being unpredictable, it is important that we can reach you in case of an emergency. Remember that if your office, home, or cell phone number has changed, you need to let the office know as soon as possible. If you aren't sure what numbers we have, please ask!

Don't forget to clock your student in and out each day on the school computer! Remember that you must tap the button with your student's name before hitting "Finish" for a time to be logged. At the end of each day, a staff member must manually put in times for anyone who has not successfully logged their student in or out. We do our best to remember your arrival and/or departure times. The only way to guarantee that you will not be overcharged for your actual attendance is to clock in and out each day.

Also, the Department of Children, Youth and Family Services requires that an authorized person must physically sign a student in and out each day using a full signature. Please remember to do this when picking up and/or dropping off. This is in addition to using the computer.

Thank You!
The CMS Staff

'Tis the season to get wet and dirty! As you know, most children love to roll around in the leaves outside, even after we strongly encourage them not to! Please keep a couple of changes of clothing at school for your student, especially pants and underwear, during these next wet months.

~Thanks~

CMS Sick Policy Reminder

We know this time of year can be frustrating, but please remember the following information to help all of our students and staff stay healthy.

1. Students who are unable to participate in all regular school activities should stay home.
2. Students must be "fever free" for 24 hours before returning to school.
3. Students showing 2 or more symptoms of illness should stay home.
4. All students must wash their hands upon arriving at school.

A Special Thanks!

... to everyone who participated in our "Books Go Everywhere" reading challenge.
Awesome Job!!!

... to all who brought books in for our Book Sharing Day.

... to all who participated in our Family Projects.

...to everyone who has made a special effort to keep themselves and all those around them safe and healthy.

...to everyone for their support!!!

Thank you!



Disguise The Gingerbread Project

Dear CMS Families,

We will be reading the story of “The Gingerbread Man” in class this month. Your job is to DISGUISE your gingerbread shape as an animal, a storybook character, or many other creative possibilities in hopes of being saved from the fox!

You may use any items that you find around your house to create your gingerbread person’s disguise. Let your child be creative!

You can request additional gingerbread people from Mrs. Ehlers if you would like one for each family member to disguise.

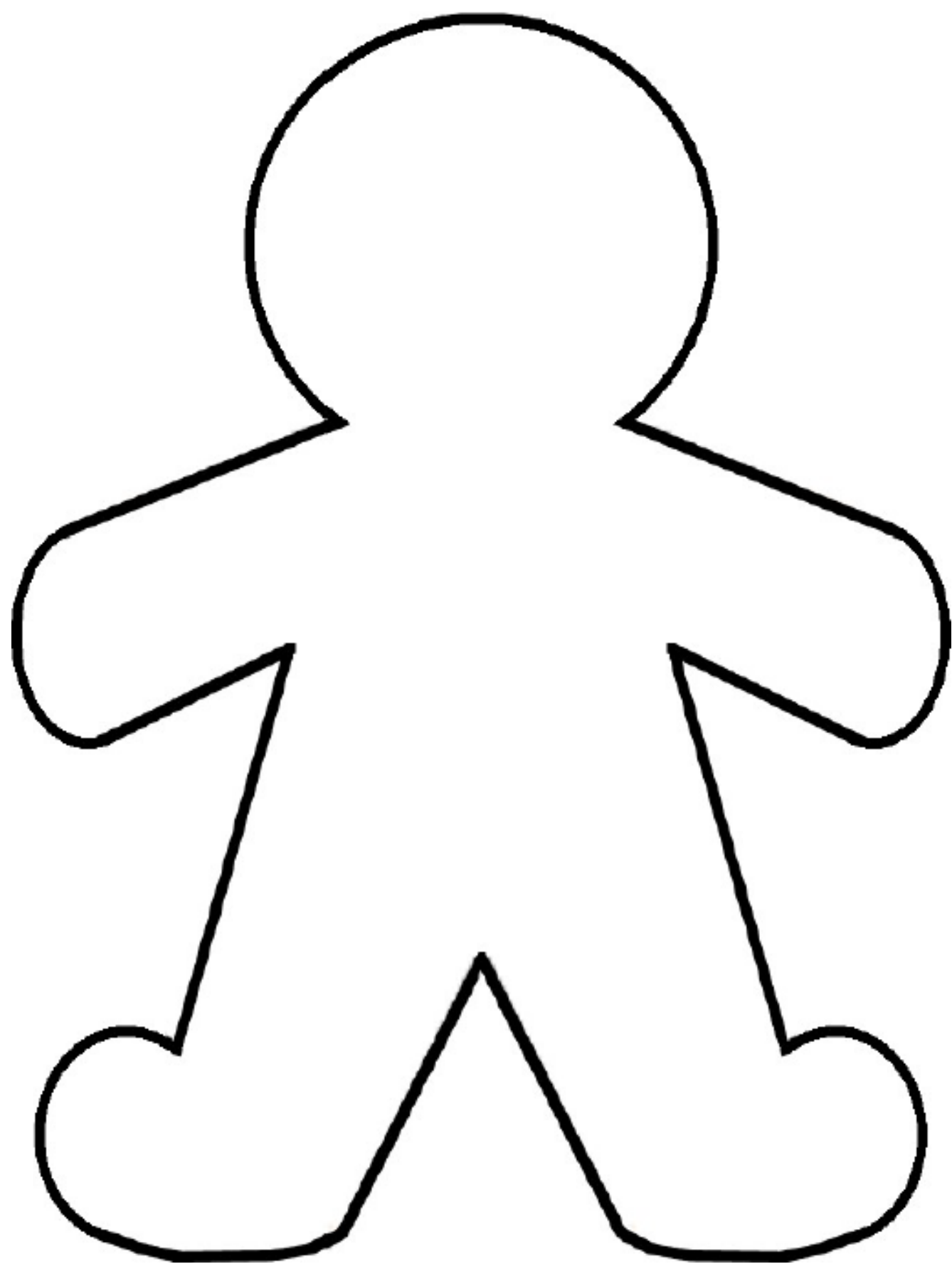
Complete your gingerbread person (people) and bring them to school for display in the school entry during the weeks of December 4th – 15th. All of the Gingerbread People around the world thank you for your help!

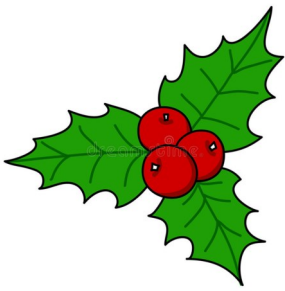
Work as a family on this project with your child.
Most of all, enjoy and have fun!!!

Please turn in your project on:

Monday, December 4, 2023







2023 Gingerbread Exchange

**We are excited to be having
a family Gingerbread Exchange!**

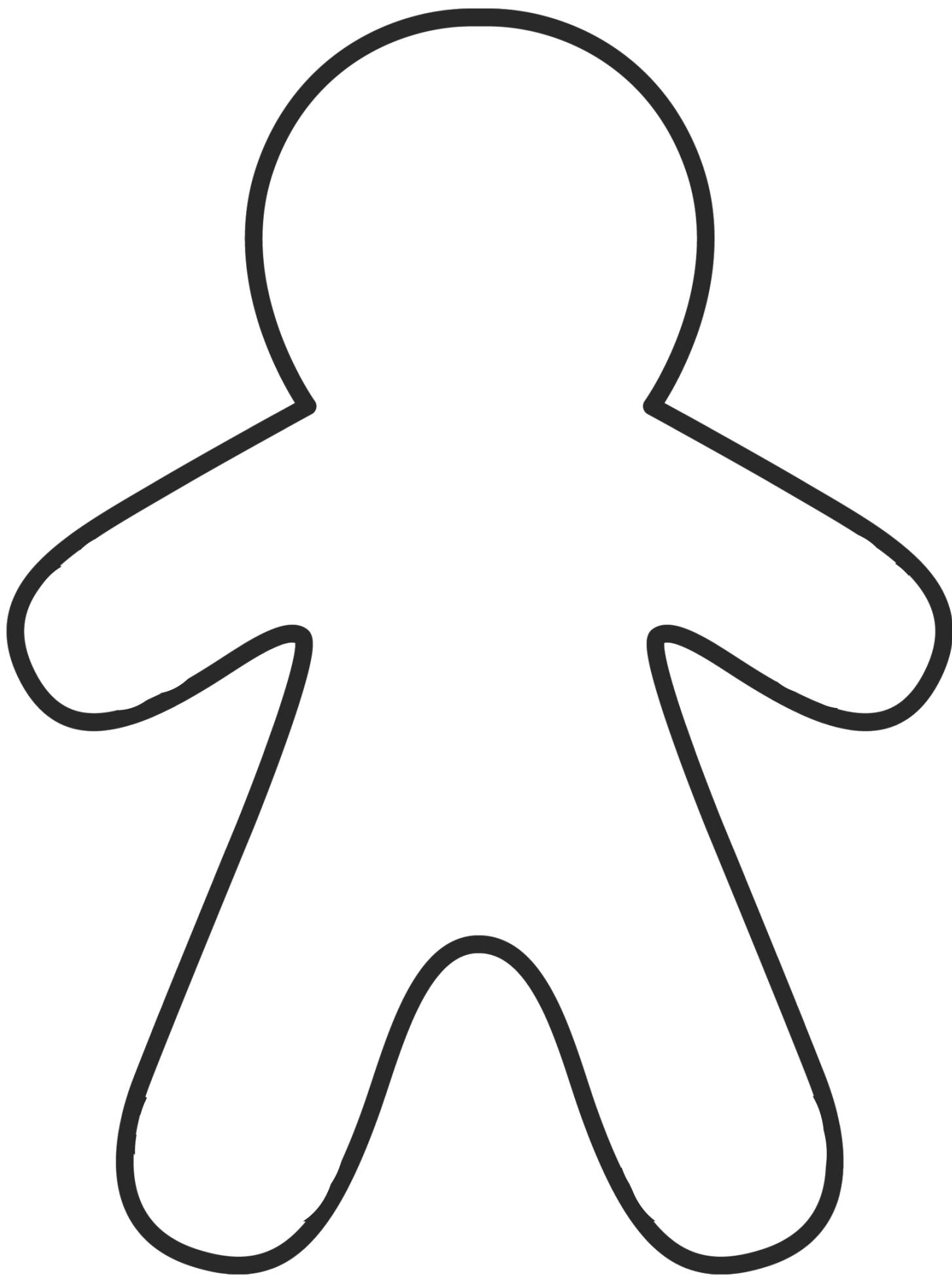
In a nutshell, each family who wishes to participate will make a gingerbread person and write letters or stories about it. They will then be turned in to the school office. Once all are collected, your family will receive a gingerbread person from another family to read about and enjoy.

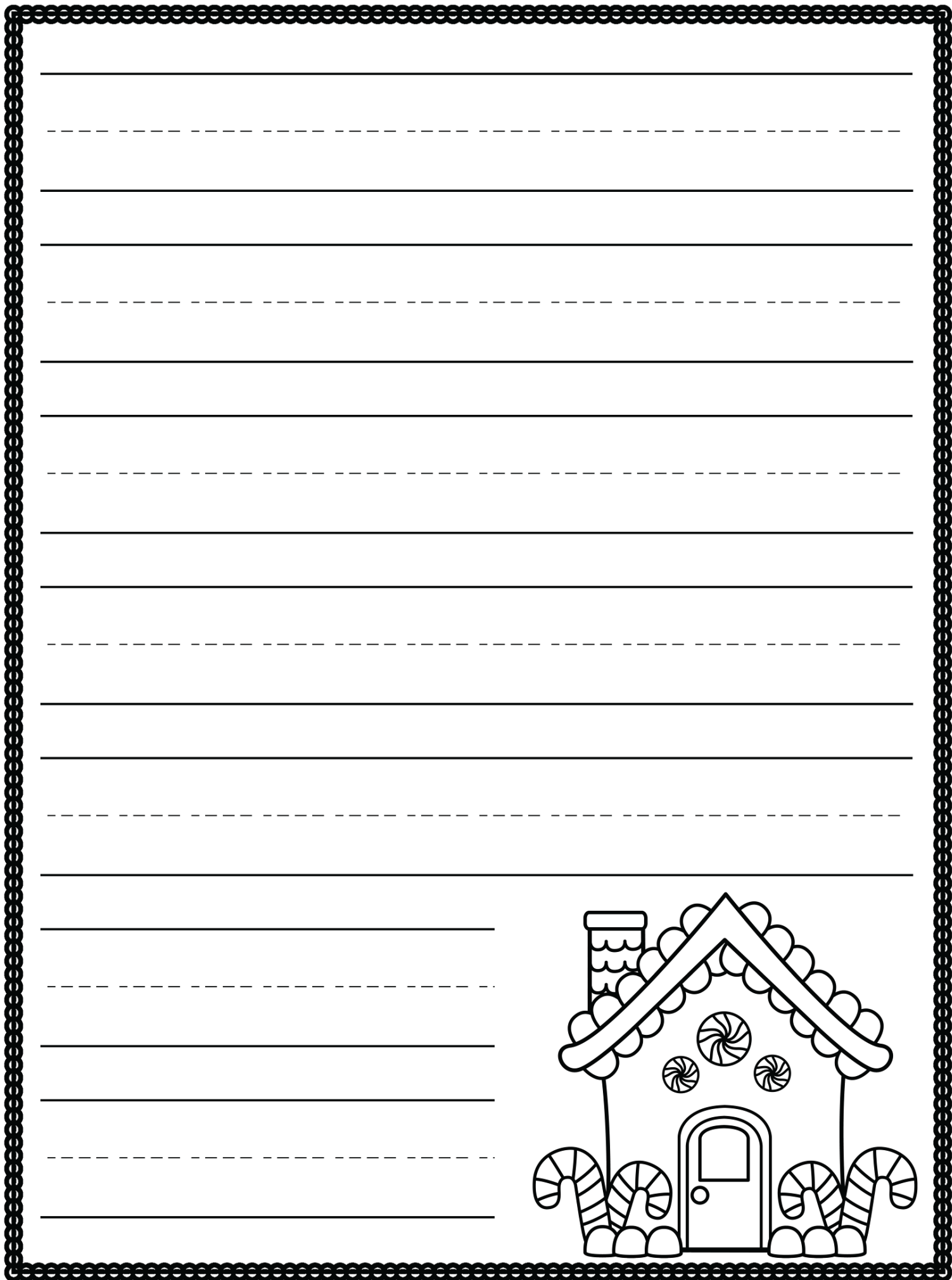
Here's how it will work:

- 1. Using the gingerbread person at the end of this newsletter, make your gingerbread person. Get creative and make it amazing! Glitter, spices, and bows - the possibilities are endless!**
 - 2. Using the story page at the end of this newsletter, work together to write a letter or story to match the gingerbread person.**
 - 3. Return your completed project to the school office no later than Monday, December 11th.**
 - 4. Receive your exchanged gingerbread person in your parent information folder by Wednesday, December 13th.**
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Don't forget to have fun! This is a great way to show creativity and work together as a family. It is also a great way to get to know another family in our school!









Children's House/Kindergarten—Green



Listening to Stories on Book Share Day

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

Unit: The Arctic/ The Arctic Ocean

- Botany: Douglas Fir Tree
- Zoology: Polar Bear
- Experiment: Salt Crystal Snowflakes
- Grace & Courtesy: Sharing and Empathy
- Special Days: Sweatshirt Day, I See Blue Day, PJ and Game Day
- Spanish/Sign Language:
Holiday Words and Phrases
- Field Trip: Tumwater Library



December

Wintry mornings wrapped in white,
Evenings, calm and still,
Snowflakes dancing all around,
Sled rides down a hill,
Gatherings with loved ones -
Such a pleasure to remember -
all memories and special gifts
That come with each
December.



Leah and
Hazel Enjoy
the Leaves



Happy Birthday

Oliver—12/2

Laila—12/3

Alma—12/19

A Note from Mrs. White...

Hello Families!

What an amazing trip we had last month to McLane Nature Trail. We spent much time learning about salmon and their life cycles, and then we got to see the salmon in their natural habitat. It was an experience we will never forget! See below for some pictures of the fun.

This month we will switch gears to study the arctic. This will continue into January and we will learn about polar bears, penguins, and snow! Maybe we will get to experience some snow as well! As we approach the winter break, I wish you all fun with family and a time to relax and enjoy the season. Your students are

amazing people!
Thank you for
sharing them
with us!



We Saw Salmon!



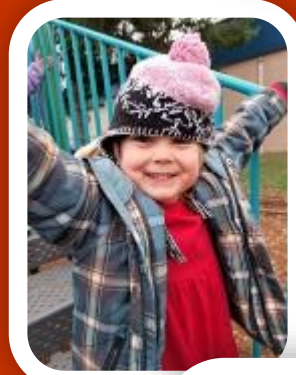
Anaya



Aggie



Hudson, Daniel,
January, and Anaya



Runa



Bishop
used the
salmon life
cycle
materials.



Fiona hunted
for leaves on
the Leaf
Walk!

PJ Day was so
much fun!



Children's House and Kindergarten - Green 2023 December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All School Food Drive Cultures Around the World Month sound - l						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
sound - m	Family Project: Disguise The Gingerbread	Special Project 3D Polar Bear Folding Fire Drill	Sweatshirt Day	Science Experiment Salt Crystal Snowflakes	Class Trip Library Story Time	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
sound - n	Family Project: Gingerbread Exchange	Special Project Polar Suncatchers	I See Blue Day Earthquake Drill	Special Project Memory Book Page My Special Art Work	Pajama Rama Game Day	
17	18	29	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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