

December 2008 Preschool Story of the Month

Song/Story: The Gingerbread Man

Pre-Braille/Low Vision

- Decorate gingerbread men
- Color pages
- Write letters to Santa
- Address envelopes---me
- Make fun foam decorated gingerbread men
- Use the felt board for story

Sensory

- Flock a tree
- Make ornaments with bird seed
- Make parent presents
- Poke cloves into oranges and smell them

Orientation & Mobility

- Mail letters to Santa---buy a stamp, apply it, put the letter in a mailbox
- Practice running fast
- Try "hopping on"

Cooking/Snacks

- Create a gingerbread cookie recipe
- Make gingerbread men cookies
- Drink ginger ale
- Play with peppermint suckers, candy canes, and tootsie pops
- Use peppermint straws with hot chocolate
- Make sugar cookies

Dramatic Play/Environmental Set-Up

- Shop for a Christmas tree

Motor (Indoor/Outdoor)

- Practice running fast and slow
- Practice slowing down
- Move in lines and rows (rank and file for beginning marching band)
- Play follow the leader
- Play "Mr. Fox, Mr. Fox, What Time Is It?"
- Sled down the hill carefully
- Line up like Santa's reindeer

Family Connections

Math

- Line things up
- Learn about rows
- Experience water rising and going down (play with water in pitchers)
- Concepts: one, pairs

Communication

- Discuss different animals
- Form rank and file
- Concepts:
 - Fast and slow
 - One Bite
 - Pairs

Music/Movement

- Begin discussion about instruments and choosing one for marching band

Time and Seasons

- Holidays and different cultures
- Temperatures, feeling cold

Gardening

- Shovel and play with snow

Understanding Diversity

- Discuss family and cultural differences in celebrating holidays