

Andover Elementary School
EARLY LEARNING CENTER



GENERAL THEMES

Classic Stories and Fairy Tales

Throughout this month, and into January, we will explore several different versions of classic stories such as *The Gingerbread Man*, *The Three Little Pigs*, and *The Three Bears*. We will focus on comparing and contrasting different versions of the stories, sequencing events, and retelling these familiar stories.

Nursery Rhymes

Throughout the month we will learn and explore Nursery Rhymes. We will explore rhyming words along with letter sound identification.

THINGS YOU CAN DO AT HOME

- As we move into the colder months, help your child become more independent putting on and taking off winter weather gear.
- Practice rhyming real and pretend words.
- Encourage your child to retell stories you read together.
- Work with your child to tell a story by looking at the pictures.
- Practice identifying, spelling and writing your child's name.
- Encourage open-ended play.
- December is a great month to demonstrate November's character trait - GRATITUDE.
- Recognize when your child shows PERSEVERANCE!

December 2020

CHARACTER TRAIT: PERSEVERANCE

We will learn about perseverance through stories that demonstrate this trait. We will also identify ways in which we show perseverance at school and at home.

SKILLS AND CONCEPTS

- Position words and location vocabulary
- Story comprehension and retelling
- Rhyming
- Letter names and sounds

OTHER INFORMATION

- December 11th: Pajama Day
- December 18th: Progress Reports will be sent home.
- Extra clothes will be sent home before the break. Please send in a new set when we return to school.
- December 23rd: The last day of school before the winter break. This will be a half day for students.
- December 24 - January 3: Winter Break - No School
- During the winter months, you do not need to send in a towel for outdoor learning.

