Monday (Week of Jan. 8th)

Welcome Back!

Computers

Return Book-It Reading Form

Tuesday

Happy Birthday Aubree (Jan. 6th)!

Wednesday

Mystery Reader

Homework

Thursday

Treat Day

Fire Prevention Assembly

Friday

½ Day of School-AM

½ Day of School-PM

# “Top Banana” News

NEXT WEEK’S TOP BANANA: (Week of Jan. 8th)

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# Mystery Readers

What a wonderful surprise we had this week!!! Mrs. DeLuca received a very special message on Tuesday night where she was asked if three Mystery Readers could come and read on Wednesday afternoon. Three of Mrs. DeLuca’s former Kindergarten students (13 years ago) came home from college and wanted to come for a visit. Hunter, Patrick and Dylan became best friends while in Kindergarten and are still best friends to this day. They came and read (all gingerbread stories, of course!!) to the children as well as played a few board games with them during their visit. The children were SO EXCITED to have them spend some time with them. We are hoping to see them again when they come back home again in May. Thank you, Hunter, Patrick and Dylan!

# Happy Birthday!

Emily and Austin celebrated their 6th birthdays this week at school. We hope both of you had a wonderful day. Aubree will be celebrating her 6th birthday over break. We can’t wait to celebrate with you when we return to school.

Reading- This week we read stories titled *The Gingerbread Mouse, The Ninjabread Man, The Gingerbread Man- Loose at School, The Gingerbread Pirates* and *The Gingerbread Girl Goes Animal Crackers*. We practiced asking and answering questions about a text, identifying the job of an author and illustrator, identifying characters and setting in the text, identifying plot, retelling a familiar story and speaking clearly and audibly. We did not learn any new high frequency words this week. We reviewed the high frequency words that we have learned thus far. Please continue to reinforce high frequency words at home.

Phonics/Phonemic Awareness – We continued working on identifying rhyming words, identifying beginning and middle sounds and blending sounds. We continue to review letters/letter sounds on a daily basis.

Math – This week we worked on finding different number pairs for 10 using cubes and reviewed addition using different gingerbread activities. We took our Chapter 5 (Addition) Math Test on Thursday. We will begin Chapter 6 (Subtraction) when we get back from Winter Break.

Writing – We wrote about our very own gingerbread man using adjectives. We continue to work on using capital letters at the beginning of our sentences, using “one finger” spacing and using correct ending marks at the end of our sentences. Please continue to reinforce this skill at home when writing sentences.

Art – The children had fun continuing to add different items to a special gingerbread man we are making based on each gingerbread story that we read. They also enjoyed making Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.

# Next Week’s Highlights

# This Week in Class

### Dr. Julian Rogus Elementary School

Dec. 18 – Dec. 22

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# Happy Birthday!

Mrs. DeLuca’s Classroom Newsletter

Classroom news!

banner with apples and crayons

# Thank You!

**\*Monday, January 8th**

**School Resumes**

**\*Wednesday, January 10th**

**Mystery Reader**

**\*Thursday, January 11th**

**Treat Day**

**\*Thursday, January 11th**

**Fire Prevention Assembly**

**\*Friday, January 12th**

**½ Day of School-AM**

**½ Teacher In-service-PM**

**\*Monday, January 15th**

**NO SCHOOL**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**\*Thursday, January 25th**

**Hot Lunch**

**\*Friday, January 26th**

**Report Cards Issued**

**\*Friday, January 26th**

**PBIS Celebration**

\*Thank you to those parents who helped out at the Winter Party. The children had a great time!

\*Thank you for having your child bring his/her “Ball Words” to school every day.

\*Thank you for helping your child practice his/her letters and letter sounds at home.

**Have a WONDERFUL holiday with your family. I look forward to seeing everyone again next year! ☺**

* Practice tying your shoes.
* Practice reciting your phone number and address.
* Practice writing your first name.
* Practice identifying the letters of the alphabet.
* Practice zipping your coats.
* Practice identifying numbers

0-10.

* Please practice reading your “Ball Words” at home.
* Please return your library books on Tuesday.

## Reminders to Parents

\*As the weather changes, please make sure your child brings his/her coat, hats and gloves to school. We try to go outside every day.

\*Please have your child use pencil only when completing printing tasks (i.e. name, letters, numbers, etc.)

\*Please work with your child on his/her self-help skills (i.e. putting on their coats, zipping their coats, packing their own backpacks and tying their own shoes). What a sense of accomplishment they will have when they can do these things all by themselves!

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## Upcoming Events

## Reminders to Students

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