# Happy Birthday!

Kara celebrated her 6th birthday on Tuesday of this week. We hope you had a fantastic day!!!!

Kara was our “Top Banana” for the week. The children learned many new things about her. She is six years old and her favorite color is pink. She likes to eat cupcakes and watch *Barbie.* Kara likes to play and read. She wants to be a princess when she grows up because she likes to dance.

NEXT WEEK’S TOP BANANA: (Jan. 7 – 11)

Catelyn

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.

Monday

Dress Like a Teacher Day

Return Reading folders

Tuesday

Twin Day

Band & Choir Holiday Tour

\*\*\*Gingerbread Cookie Decorating permission slips are due

Wednesday

Disney Day

Computers

Thursday

Crazy Hair Day

Library

Gingerbread Cookie Decorating

Friday

Ugly Sweater Day

Winter Wonderland

Last Day of School (Winter Break Begins)

# “Top Banana” News

Reading - This week we read stories titled *The Gingerbread Man, The Gingerbread Girl, The Gingerbread Baby, The Gingerbread Bear* and *The Gingerbread Cowboy*. 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. The children were introduced to Decodable Books, Fat Cat and What Can You See? The children learned high frequency words “now” and “is”. Please continue to reinforce these high frequency words at home.

Phonics/Phonemic Awareness – We continued working on identifying rhyming words, identifying beginning, middle and ending sounds as well as blending sounds together.

Writing - We continued working on building sentences while focusing on beginning our sentences with capital letters, using “one finger” spacing and using correct ending marks.

Math – This week we worked on finding different number pairs for numbers 8, 9 and 10 using cubes. We took Chapter 5 (Addition) Math Test today. We will begin Chapter 6 (Subtraction) on Monday of next week.

Art – The children enjoyed making candy canes, ornaments using watercolors and adding different items to a special gingerbread man we are making based on each gingerbread story that we read.

# Next Week’s Highlights

# This Week in Class

### Dr. Julian Rogus Elementary School

Dec. 10 – Dec. 14

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# Happy Birthday!

Mrs. DeLuca’s Classroom Newsletter

Classroom news!

banner with apples and crayons

**Have a TERRIFIC weekend!**

# Thank You!!

Thank you again to Mrs. O’Neill (Catelyn’s mom) for donating all the gingerbread cookies and decorating supplies for our Gingerbread Cookie Decorating activity!!!! The children are excited!!

Mrs. Murphy (Kara’s mom) was our Mystery Reader this week. She read some really neat books this week. The children enjoyed listening to her read stories titled *Little Blue Truck’s Christmas, Santa Is Coming to Chicago* and *Hurry Santa*. Thanks again, Mrs. Murphy!

# Mystery Reader

**\*Monday, December 17th**

**Dress Like a Teacher Day**

**\*Tuesday, December 18th**

**Twin Day**

**\*Tuesday, December 18th**

**Band & Choir Holiday Tour**

**\*Wednesday, December 19th**

**Disney Day**

**\*Thursday, December 20th**

**Crazy Hair Day**

**\*Thursday, December 20th**

**Gingerbread Cookie Decorating**

**\*Friday, December 21st**

**Ugly Sweater Day**

**\*Friday, December 21st**

**Winter Wonderland**

**\*Friday, December 21st**

**Last Day of School (Winter Break**

**Begins)**

**\*Monday, January 7th**

**School Resumes**

**\*Wednesday, January 16th**

**Mystery Reader**

\*Please have your child write his/her name on each page of their homework. This is a great way to practice printing their names neatly.

\*\*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!

* Practice tying your shoes.
* Practice reciting your phone number and address.
* Practice writing your first name.
* Practice identifying the letters of the alphabet.
* Practice printing numbers 0-10.
* Practice identifying numbers

0-10.

* Return your library books on Thursday.

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