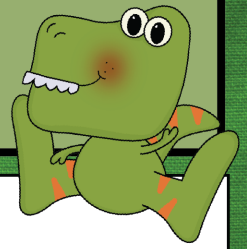


# Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

December 21, 2018



## 2018 comes to a close...

It is hard to believe that it is the end of 2018! It has been a wonderful first half of the school year for Ellen and me with all of the students.

I hope that you and your families have wonderful holidays and a safe, healthy New Year. It is such a pleasure to spend my days with your children! I look forward to being back in the classroom with them in 2019!



## Having Fun with Math!

The students played Roll and Record for the first time this week. Students roll a die and record the number on a graph. The goal is to see which number is rolled the most times while practicing number formation. Later, some students did a Gingerbread Roll and record with 2 dice. That was more challenging because students had to add the numbers together before recording.

## Gingerbread Fun!

This week was filled with more fun gingerbread events, including read alouds of different versions of the Gingerbread Man story such as *The Gingerbread Girl*, gingerbread math and literacy activities, and the making of our amazing gingerbread houses on Thursday. The students did an excellent job putting together the houses and decorating them. We were even more impressed with their ability to resist the temptation to eat all of the delicious treats we used as decorations. Many thanks to our volunteer parents Katie Lyneis and Marcy Glatky. It takes a village to create such a beautiful gingerbread village. 😊



## Kindergarten Storytime!

This afternoon the entire Kindergarten went to the auditorium to hear Mr. Sweeney read *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* by one of our favorite authors, Dr. Seuss. Mr. Sweeney even knows all of the words to the song that the Whos down in Whoville sing! Mr. Sweeney was impressed with what a thoughtful, respectful audience the students were, especially right before vacation! It was extra fun to listen to the story in our pajamas!

## Winter Assembly

We had a wonderful assembly yesterday led by Mr. Piper, the Music teacher. The students listened to the Willard chorus sing "Namaste" in which we heard Hello! said in 16 different languages. Wow! We also learned from Dr. Price, our math specialist, that the can and bottle donations that have been collected during the past few weeks enabled Willard to purchase 5 flocks of chickens for needy families. It was a nice celebration!

## Reminders for New Year:

It is always such a pleasure for us to have parents come in as our Mystery readers each Friday morning. We have many parents signed up for the next few months but there are still dates available in the spring so I thought I would take the opportunity to share the Sign Up Genius link again. Thanks so much:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d45aead2fa1f58-friday1>

