



Standard	Activity	Home Extension
<p>VII. Social Studies A. CULTURE 1. Begins to identify self as a member of a culture 2. Begins to understand everyone belongs to a culture 3. Explores culture of peers and families (classroom)</p> 	<p>Graham Cracker Gingerbread Houses- We will be letting the children create and eat their own individual mini gingerbread houses out of graham crackers while discussing how they originate from Germany and how different cultures celebrate Christmas differently.</p>	<p>Create your own gingerbread houses with the family. Whether out of cardboard, pipe cleaners and pompoms or different food, be as creative as you wish. Discuss with your child where your family originates from and how they celebrate Christmas in that country. Also, Dec. 21-23 is the Dade City Gingerbread World Exhibit, check out dcgingerbread.com for more information.</p>
<p>VI. Scientific Inquiry A. SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY THROUGH EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY 3. Uses understanding of causal relationships to act on social and physical environments Benchmark a. Makes simple predictions and reflects on what caused something to happen Benchmark b. Participates in and discusses simple experiments</p>	<p>Candy Cane Dissolving Experiment- We will be dissolving candy canes in different liquids to see what happens while discussing the meaning of the candy cane.</p> 	<p>At family dinner discuss the meaning of the candy cane with the family. Letter J stands for Jesus and it is also the shape of a shepherd's staff. Color red is the blood he shed for us, and the white stands for how he washed away our sins.</p>
<p>IV. Language and Understanding F. EMERGENT READING 2. Shows age-appropriate phonological awareness Benchmark a. Listens and matches rhythm, volume and pitch of rhymes, songs and chants</p>	<p>Christmas Program –This week we will be practicing our song “5 Little Elves” for our Christmas Program.</p>	<p>Please join us on Friday December 17th at 3PM in the Butterfly Garden for our Christmas Program.</p> 