



Welcome to Clewell's Corner!
The one stop shop for all the
news & happenings in room 101!

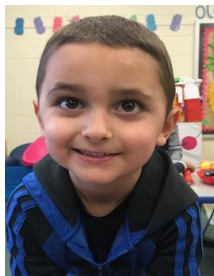
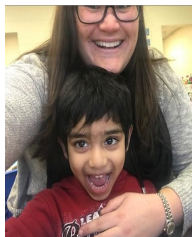


We spent time learning about some of the holidays our families celebrate within our classroom. The students enjoyed making corresponding crafts as well as making some surprise gifts to send home!



WELCOME SANU, ETHAN,
AAYUSH & JACOB!

We are so excited to welcome Sanu, Jacob, Ethan
& Aayush into our Morning & Afternoon Classes!



QUESTIONING, BUILDING & TESTING...HANDS ON LEARNING

This month our students were active participants in explorations within our classroom. They explored water with clear orbeez, built with magnets, made christmas trees out of cups, raced cars using magnetic force to get up a hill and even tested out the various strengths of magnets! We had so much fun!



N.A.E.Y.C. TALKS ABOUT SCIENCE

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is a wonderful resource for families and teachers of your children. They provide research based articles to promote high quality education. One of their articles discusses the importance of science within the classroom and the top 10 ways to support science learning. Here are their top 10 ways:

1. Value your child's questions.
2. Explore and find the answers together.
3. Give children time and space to explore.
4. Accept that explorations are often messy.
5. Learn from mistakes together.
6. Invite curiosity.
7. Support further exploration.
8. Encourage children to record their observations.
9. Make good use of your electronic devices
10. Use items you have at home to experiment and explore



GINGERBREAD DRAMATIC PLAY



In December one of our weeks focused on a gingerbread theme! We read books like *The Gingerbread Boy*, several versions of the *Gingerbread Man*, *The Gingerbread Girl* and *CATCH THAT COOKIE!* What better way to extend our theme but by making a gingerbread cafe! Students changed the outfits of our gingerbread people as well as made gingerbread cookies and sold hot chocolate and coffee!

We had a special visitor in our class this past week---Principal Scotti came and joined some of our girls in our gingerbread cafe! They were very excited to serve her smoothies, gingerbread cookies and talk to her about all they make in their cafe! Did you know that our gingerbread cafe even allows our workers to bring babies to work with them? (Take a close look!)



UPPER CASE & LOWER CASE

Breezing through identifying upper and lower case letters!
#Gingerbreadweek



Students were challenged to show their knowledge of uppercase and lowercase skills. A preassessment for our 4 year old class and so many of them were able to find the matches!

MULTIPLE MEANS OF REPRESENTATION

This month we worked on how numbers can be represented in many different ways. Students explored identifying a number and then finding the matching domino, fingers, dice, tens frame and word! Students then continued to work on their 1 to 1 correspondence skills by counting gum drops on the gingerbread men and finding the matching candy cane number! Your children are working hard on their number recognition skills!





J a n u a r y

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
Children MUST be in sneakers for PE Day 1 (am) Day 6 (pm)		1 NO SCHOOL	2 Day 5 Cozy Day- Wear something comfortable!	3 Day 6	4 Day 1	5
6	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11 Day 6	12
13 	14 Happy Birthday Pranav!	15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	18 Day 5	19
20	21 No School 	22 Day 6	23 Day 1	24 Day 2	25 Day 3 SPIRIT DAY! 	26
27	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 Day 6	31 Day 1	If your child is going to wear snow boots to school please send a regular pair of shoes for them to change into.	