Unit Study

CKLA Skills: As we finish Unit 5 and begin Unit 6, students are encouraged to continue using the letter-sound correspondences and blending procedures they have learned so far. They will be introduced to consonant clusters, letter names, rhyming words, and reading text independently from their student readers.

**[](http://fiberfervor.files.wordpress.com/2009/07/christmas-tree.png)CKLA Listening:** We will complete our Farm Unit and begin Holidays around the World. The students will “visit” different countries throughout the unit. They will learn about the countries holiday traditions and compare them to their own traditions. Be sure to ask your child what countries they visited.

Math: Module 3 focuses on comparing and analyzing length, weight, capacity & numbers. Some examples of language used in the module are; *longer/shorter than, as long as, heavier/lighter than, as heavy as, more/less than, & the same as.* Module 3 supports students understanding of amounts and their developing number sense.

[](http://www.trendytree.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/045797-gingerbread-man-plate.jpg)**December Family Project**

In your child’s homework folder, you received a Gingerbread person and directions for the project. As a family, please decorate the Gingerbread boy/girl and return him/ her to school by **Friday, December 13th.**

Homework

Journal- Use the homework journal to complete an activity from the homework calendar. Turn in on Friday with the Math homework. Sight Words/Popcorn Words have been added to the homework calendar. Please continue to practice Top Banana (letters/sounds) & Ball Words. Dec. 2-6 *we, three, funny, blue* Dec. 9-13 *my, away, yellow* Dec. 16-20 *to, all, black* Eureka Math- There will be one math homework activity sent home weekly in your child’s Homework Folder to be completed and turned in on Friday of each week.

**Reading-** Read 20 minutes each night with your child & record in the reading log. Please keep the log in your child’s homework folder.

**Dec. 16th** Gingerbread Person Project Due

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**Important Dates**

**Dec. 2** \*Snack Permission Form Due

**Dec. 3** Interims Reports

**Dec. 6** Scholastic Book Order Due

**Dec. 14** Skate Night

**Dec. 13** \*Book Exchange Book Due

**Dec. 13** Gingerbread Person Project Due

**Dec. 18** Winter Party (1:00-2:00)

**Dec. 20**  Polar Express Pajama/Movie

Day and Hot Chocolate!

**Dec. 23** Winter Holiday Break

**Jan. 6** First Day Back from Break

**Jan. 20** MLK Day (No School)

**Jan. 21** No School –Teacher Work Day



**Book Fair Spirit Week (Dec.2nd-Dec. 6th)**

On Dec. 2nd your child will come home with a “wish list” from the book fair. If you would like to purchase something from your child’s list, please send in a cash or check made payable to Sternberger PTA. We will purchase books on Dec. 4th. You may also visit the book fair with your child before or after school.

See the themes below if your child would like to participate in Spirit Week.

**Monday:** *Twin Day/Sternberger Spirit Day* (dress as a twin OR wear your Sternberger gear).

**Tuesday:** Wacky Tacky Day-Dress in a wacky way.

**Wednesday:** Patriot Day (Wear red, white or blue or all 3!)

**Thursday:** Favorite Sports Team/Hat Day

(wear your favorite team gear/colors OR wear a hat).

**j0290673Reading Strategies**

We are working on reading and retelling stories. Please continue to read each night and help your child use his/her reading strategies. These include:

*1. Look at the picture for clues*

*2. Make the beginning sound of words*

*3. Stretch or sound out the word*

*4. Look for words you know (popcorn*

*words)*

*5. Ask “Does that make sense?” & reread.*

The signal words for retelling the story

are who, where, and what. Who is in the

story? Where did the story take place?

What happened first, next, last? We want

the students to provide details about the story including character names, setting & plot.

**Scholastic Book Order**

I will be placing the December book order on Friday, December 13th. You can send a check made out to Scholastic Reading Club along with the order form or you can order online at [www.scholastic.com/readingclub](http://www.scholastic.com/readingclub)

Use our classroom code: **QHWGP**

Scholastic offers many $1.00-$3.00 books. If you would like to order one for the class book exchange, they should be returned in time for the exchange.

If you would like to order books for Christmas & do not want your child to see them, let me know & I will email you when the order arrives.

**\*\*Class Book Exchange**

**Please send in your child’s wrapped book by Friday, December 13th.**

\*\*Refer to the paper that was sent home about the book exchange. If you need another copy, let me know.