



Wishing you all Joy and Peace in the New Year!

Dates to Remember:

December break begins at the end of the school day,
Friday, Dec. 21st
-School resumes
Wednesday, **January 2nd**.

Fri. Jan. 18th – No school-
Staff Professional
Development Retreat

Mon. Jan. 21st- No school in
observance of Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

Thank You To:

-All the parents who
worked so hard to make the
gingerbread decorating
such a huge success.

-The many parents and
grandparents who came in
to read to the class.

**And a special thank
you to all the TCW
families for the
wonderful hot
chocolate and treats
and generous gift!**

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

The quilt squares you helped your child create were shared at circle time with joy and pride. We learned so much about each other’s traditions: the giving and receiving of gifts, special decorations, shared meals and festivities with family and friends. Displaying their work on our bulletin board allowed the children to take time to look at them over and over again, remembering their own as well as their friends’ beloved traditions. The gifts your children created for your families were made with love and care. With each step, from mixing and rolling cinnamon dough to cutting out and decorating the heart, to wrapping the gift, the children grew more and more eager to bring them home and share them with you. It is so heart warming to see just how much they care.

ACTIVITIES and SKILLS:

During our recent construction theme, the Armadillos worked at the tool bench in the dramatic play area to create forts, homes, offices and other buildings. Using all kinds of tools, including drills, hammers, screw drivers, tape measures and wrenches they collaborated to follow plans drawn at the writing table while discussing adjustments that needed to be made and negotiating variations to the plan. At the art table they were enthralled while taking apart recycled electronics, discovering how they were put together and wondering about how the many individual parts combined to make the machine they were taking apart. In the block area they especially enjoyed experimenting with a ramp game and using bamboo sticks for building.

FAVORITE STORIES and SONGS:

- Fill a Bucket by Carol McCloud and Katherine Martin
- Over at the Construction Site by Bill Wise
- The Quilt Story by Tony Johnston and Tony DePaola
- Don’t Touch My Hair by Sharee Miller