## Mrs.Rutkowski and Ms.Janine December News

With Thanksgiving behind us, we are moving onto the holidays of Hanukkah and Christmas. Hoping that we have a healthy and safe month for the holidays.

We are starting off December with our unit on The Gingerbread Man and then move onto the seasonal themes of Hanukkah, followed by Christmas and how all people celebrate the season. We will continue to accent our letters and counting.

Our annual gingerbread house night is Thursday, December 7 @ 6:30pm for one parent and your kiddo. The whole thing takes under an hour. Fun pre-holiday social event! Please be sure to let us know whether or not you are coming.

The school celebrates the holidays on **December 21**<sup>st</sup> with a Pajama day for all classes. There will be a sign up outside our room asking for items to help with our class pancake lunch ©

Remember the excitement of the season is magnified for four year olds. We will be learning about waiting, patience, kindness and generosity in our class and hopefully these lessons will help at home as well.

We would like to remind you that in spite of chilly weather we still go outdoors and your child needs mittens or gloves and a hat. We stay out at least 15/20 minutes and they get cold. Some students are still in need of warm change of clothes in case of "accidents".

ALSO, please be aware that during the winter colds and viruses are rampant and despite our best efforts to "wash hands, wash hands" sometimes home may be the best place if your child could be contagious to others. We understand it's often difficult but we trust your parental instincts.

Thank you again for your cooperation with conferences. I am readily available through email or dojo to continue with discussion of your child.

May the coming days be filled with excitement and joy, enough to find peace and happiness for the New Year.