

We like to “pair share” our writing with each other.

## REMINDERS

December 7 – AISM holiday program

December 14 – last day of school before the break – **EARLY DISMISSAL 12:20**

January 7 – school resumes

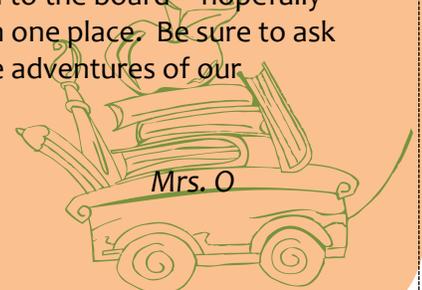


## THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE AIR...

December at AISM certainly is a fun and fast-paced month. There is a definite “something” in the air and the ECE III students are buzzing with excitement. We are particularly proud of how well our Jambo Bwana practices are coming along. We are working together with 1<sup>st</sup> grade practicing for our upcoming performance at the AISM Holiday Celebration. We are feeling fairly confident that we are going to “bring down the house”. We hope that you all can come on the 7<sup>th</sup> and help celebrate the holiday season.

Despite all the hubbub, and even though some of our friends are traveling and away, we did manage focus on academics too. In language arts, we continued our work on vowels, writing and understanding sentences, and learning our new sight words for the current language arts unit. In math we continued work on number pairs for 8,9, and 10 using various manipulatives to help our understanding. Next week we will do a mini unit on the Gingerbread Man, comparing and contrasting different versions of the story. In math we will close out our addition unit and have an introduction to subtraction.

It seems we also have a “gingerbread problem”. We have a class gingerbread man toy and, lately, he seems to be running around and hiding on us! Every morning we’ve come in and he’s found a **new** hiding place. We’ve decided to tape him to the board—hopefully that will keep him in one place. Be sure to ask your child about the adventures of our gingerbread man.



## SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR WEEK



That sneaky gingerbread man was hiding in the big books!



So we taped him to the board—he can't possibly get away....can he?



We can use [Elkonin Sound Boxes](#) to “push” the sounds we hear in words.



All our hard work is coming together. We are learning to be **great** writers!

