December Lesson Plan

Gingerbread Man

**Montana Early Childhood Standards:**

Communication and Language Development Standard

3.2- Expressive Communication

Children develop skills in using sounds, facial expressions, gestures and words for a variety of purposes, such as helping adults and others to understand their needs, ask questions, express feelings and ideas, and solve problems.

Creative Arts Standard

4.7- Drama

Children show appreciation and awareness of drama through observation and imitation, and by participating in simple dramatic plots, assuming roles related to their life experiences as well as their fantasies.

Physical Development Standard

 2.1- Fine Motor Skills

 Children develop small muscle strength, coordination and skills

**Circle time:**

 Story: *Gingerbread Man (take home book of the month)*

 Nursery Rhymes: *Little Miss Muffet*

 Action Rhyme: *Head and Shoulders*

**Family Activities:**

1. Decorate Gingerbread Men Cookies
	1. Materials
		1. Gingerbread/ sugar cookies cut into gingerbread men shapes
		2. Different colored frosting
		3. Small candies, raisins, string licorice, etc… to decorate cookies with
	2. Questions
		1. How many eyes (noses, mouths etc…) do you need for your Gingerbread man/woman?
		2. What color frosting are you using?
		3. What could you use for hair (shoes, eyes, clothes etc…)?
2. Gingerbread Man Puppets
	1. Materials
		1. Gingerbread pattern
		2. Brown felt or construction paper or brown paper bags
		3. Yarn, buttons, pasta, rick rack, ribbons etc… to decorate puppet with
	2. Questions
		1. How many eyes (noses, mouths etc…) do you need for your Gingerbread man/woman?
		2. What colors are you using?
		3. What could you use for hair (shoes, eyes, clothes etc…)?
		4. What else could we make to go with the story? (wolf, cow, man and woman etc..)
		5. What was your favorite part of the story?
		6. Let’s tell the story together with our puppets

**Nursery Rhymes:**

*Little Miss Muffet*

Little Miss Muffet

 Sat on a tuffet

 Eating her curds and whey

 Down came a spider

 And sat down beside her

 And frightened Miss Muffet away

**Action Rhyme:**

*Head and Shoulders*

Head and shoulders, knees and toes

 Knees and toes, knees and toes

 Head and shoulders, knees and toes

 Eyes, ears, mouth and nose

# Take Home Activities

##### Gingerbread Man Masks

Make masks for the different characters to act out the story. This is a great opportunity to have your child retell the story. This is helps with comprehension skills.

Materials

* Paperplates
* Markers
* Construction paper
* Scissors
* Glue

##### Animal Matching Game

<http://janbrett.com/games/matching_animals_game_main.htm>