

Scuola Italiana Incontro, Grandi #13, 12/19/10 Natale!

Objectives

Christmas is one of the holidays that children love best. There is so much magic involved! I'd like to shift the focus from just receiving gifts to creating for the benefit of someone else. To celebrating together and taking part in certain traditions that come just once a year. And I'm keeping the house theme alive this week by creating a gingerbread house!



Teacher Dida

Phrases

- Sono..
- Che cosa ti piace? Mi piace.../Non mi piace...
- Ho paura...Sono coraggioso/a
- La casa, la porta, le finestre, la cucina, il bagno
- Natale, Babbo Natale, i regali, l'albero di natale, le renne
- La casa di marzapane, la slitta, il bastoncino di zucchero

Activities

Opening Ritual: We'll review our numbers, colors, weather and feelings as we do at the beginning of every class.

Arrivano i regali? This is a story of Babbo Natale who is responsible for many children's happiness as he is the keeper of their gifts. But when he has 'car' trouble, how will he make sure they are distributed?

Passa il bastoncino di zucchero: Piccoli are divided into two teams. In this relay race the first person in line is carefully holding on to 4 candy canes (bastoncini di zucchero) between his or her fingers. S/He must pass all 4 candy canes in between the fingers of the next person in line, and so on and so forth without letting any candy cane drop. If it drops the team must start all over again.

La cruciverba di Natale: Clues are given in Italian to help students solve this festive crossword.

Avere Worksheets: With talk of giving or receiving gifts I think it's appropriate to learn about the verb *avere*, or *to have*. We can really make this verb pertinent to the holiday, but also stress that it is important that others have also, and that we not have too much.

Making Wrapping Paper: We'll cut sponges into different shapes. They can be shapes that represent Christmas or not. Now we'll dip the sponges into paint and lightly press down on tissue paper. Once it is dried we have our very own wrapping paper to use for our mom's and dad's presents.

Gingerbread House: Taking a short break from our shoebox houses, we'll make a whole new house today: a Gingerbread house! This home will be held together by icing we make ourselves. We'll construct the home by matching up pieces that best support one another. This activity is fun, festive and allows us to continue our discussion on the home in a whole new fashion.