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## Third Grade Students Use Math Skills to Create Gingerbread Houses

Throughout the month of December, Third Grade Students at Verner Elementary School honed their math skills as they practiced measuring to the nearest half inch and half centimeter to assist them with creating their very own gingerbread houses. The fun and educational project helped to reinforce the importance of precise measurement and the concepts of area and perimeter surface. This lesson allowed students to be creative while practicing an important life skill.

During the engineering based assignment, students were asked to measure graham crackers and then use the crackers' dimensions in both inches and centimeters. After precise measurements were completed, cuts were made and the design and construction of the individual gingerbread houses was implemented. While the lesson helped students to perfect their understanding of the properties of rectangles, squares, triangles, quarter fractions, halves, and eighths, it also instilled the importance of patience, attention to detail, and precision. Designs included random patterns, AB patterns, creativity and exterior design patterns. An informational writing activity throughout the process also allowed students to share and reflect on their experience. To celebrate their creative engineering, a gingerbread display was shared with the entire school! **Now that is SERIOUS THIRD GRADE MATH SUCCESS!**

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