

THE LEARNING BEHIND THE FUN

- Building gingerbread houses strengthens fine motor skills as children squeeze icing, place decorations, and stack pieces.
 These small movements support early writing, drawing, and selfcare tasks like buttoning and picking up small objects.
- Following the steps to assemble the house introduces early math and sequencing. Children practice counting, problem solving, spatial awareness, and patience as they figure out where each piece goes.
- Decorating the houses encourages creativity, decision making, and self-expression. Choosing colors, patterns, and toppings helps children build confidence and develop a sense of independence.
- Receiving cookie-making supplies to take home supports family bonding and early literacy. Mixing ingredients, following a simple recipe, and naming tools and actions strengthens vocabulary, communication, and shared routines.
- Working side by side with caregivers builds connection and emotional security. Young children learn best through warm, playful interactions with trusted adults, and this event provides space for those moments to happen.



