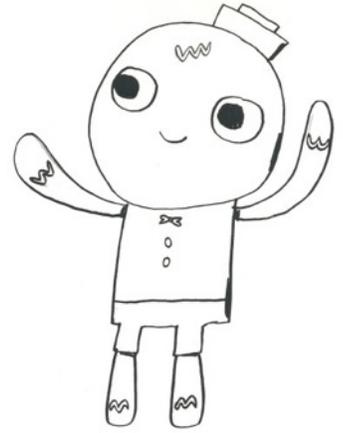


## Looking for Gingerbread Classroom extension ideas?



Below are a few of my favorites, but there are so many more! If you would like to receive more ideas, lesson plans, and activities linked to curriculum standards, please feel free to sign up for the [Activity Newsletter](#) on the Home page. Also, don't miss the extensive [Teacher's Guide](#) or the [Gingerbread Man Unit](#) links on the [Educators](#) page.

- Using brown bulletin board paper and white scalloped border strips, decorate the outside of the classroom door/wall to look like a gingerbread house (see the Home page picture.) It creates a fun setting and excitement about the upcoming activities.
- Take pictures of the children during the *Gingerbread Man* hunt, the places they go, and the people they meet. Afterwards, the class can create a large poster-sized map of the school with a teacher's help. Ask students if they remember the places they visited on the *Gingerbread Man* hunt and who they met there. Label those rooms on the map and glue a picture of the staff member in that spot to help students remember them. The map can be hung inside the classroom to assist the children as they get to know their way around the school in the upcoming weeks.
- The children can make a classroom book where they write or dictate the story of the hunt with the photos as illustrations. This could also be done with their own drawings as illustrations. Place the book in the classroom library or let the children check it out to read with their parents. (The parents will get to know the school staff as well.)

- Students can use craft items to decorate a cardstock *Gingerbread Man* modeled after themselves. The decorated gingerbread children can be used as a prop for each student to introduce him/herself to the class. Teachers can then put these works of art on a bulletin board outside the classroom with the banner "A batch of Smart Cookies!"
- Read several versions of the *Gingerbread Man* story. Compare and contrast by making Venn diagrams, favorite character graphs, setting graphs. Small groups can also act out each story.
- For many more *Gingerbread Man* related activities & ideas click on the [PINTEREST](#) icon on the [HOME](#) page.