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STEAM PROJECT CULMINATES WITH CONSTRUCTION OF GINGERBREAD HOUSES

They've done the calculations, they've allocated the resources, and they've planned ahead, now the fifth graders at Clara Barton Elementary School are ready to build.

WHAT: Gingerbread House Construction

WHEN: Wednesday, December 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Clara Barton Elementary School,

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A multiple day STEAM project is culminating on Wednesday as Clara Barton fifth graders follow their schematics and problem-solve their way through the process of building their dream gingerbread house.

The fifth graders used their math skills and communication skills to cooperate on portioning out the supplies so that each student gets an even split of the building materials. Once they knew what materials they had to work with, they created the design for their gingerbread house. They also brainstormed what problems they could encounter during the build process and came up with possible solutions for those issues. On Wednesday they will follow their designs and construct their houses.

After building their houses, the students will complete a writing project where they will either write an invitation to a holiday party at their gingerbread house or create a real estate listing to sell their house. They will also write thank you cards to Duane's House of Pizza, which donated pizza rounds that will serve as stands for the houses.

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