

Bridges Winter After-School Program

November - December '13

This winter, Bridges has once again opened up the Winter After-School program to its fourth and fifth grade students. Thirty-two elementary school students in Bridges are able to participate in weekly one-on-one tutoring, reading, and activity time with a high school volunteer from the St. Paul's Schools.

This year during activity time, the students have done such enjoyable things as imitate animals, create gingerbread men, and play the age old game of dodgeball. After activities, everybody gets to read *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth* aloud, playacting the sketches within the book. Finally, students are assisted in binder organization and homework completion by their high school volunteers. After all that is finished, students write entertaining and creative stories. Main characters include a singing gossip columnist and an angel with a family secret.



Kayla talks about a role model with her volunteer, Katherine, as they relate to *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.



Students and volunteers meet by playing the Animal Game.



Ciera gives a backstory about her gingerbread man as part of a holiday celebration.



5th grade student Malika is helped by Delaney on a math problem during homework help.