



The New Year is the perfect occasion to appreciate all the good things that the past year has given you while also anticipating all the wonderful things that are yet to come. I'm sure there have been trials in the past 365 days, but it is my hope that the joy of the beautiful moments, which wouldn't have been quite the same without all of the special people in your life, outweigh the stresses of those challenges.

All of us in Academy are wishing you 12 months of success, 52 weeks of laughter, 365 days of fun, 8,760 hours of joy, 525,600 minutes of good luck and 31,536,000 seconds of happiness. We are privileged to start this magical year with you all.

Emily Jayne
Director of Lindamood-Bell Academy



✧ We create the magic of learning! ✧

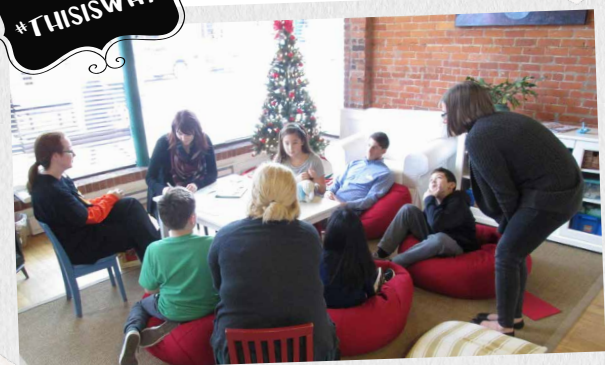
CENTER STAGE



The Birmingham, MI Academy students worked together to create a magical holiday outreach project: creating holiday greeting cards and goody bags for the residents of a local retirement and assisted living facility! Our team — students and staff — met weekly through November and early December to complete workshops to learn about giving, planning, and organization in order to design and carry out their project.

Second year Academy students Mason and Gigi led our dream team using humor and encouragement. Sixth grader Mason was a driving force in setting the group's ambitious goals while Gigi, a 5th grader, made sure everyone stayed on track in order to meet them. To complement their efforts, Dayne, a 7th grader, contributed creativity both with the initial planning and his wonderful stage presence during the final presentation. The team was so excited to have Catherine join Academy's 5th grade mid-way through December and jump right in to contribute creative cards and kindness.

Not only did the students develop as a team while working toward their lofty goal of 60 cards and 60 goody bags, but they also planned a presentation of their project for the Academy Holiday Hoopla gathering. The skills they gained during the workshops translated seamlessly into a self-led and self-organized demonstration. In the words of Mason, "the cards and gifts helped spread Christmas cheer." Gigi added that they could help the residents "think of us as family." We are so proud!



BIRMINGHAM, MI

SHINE ON STUDENTS



Art Class



Achieving Goals



December Clothing Drive

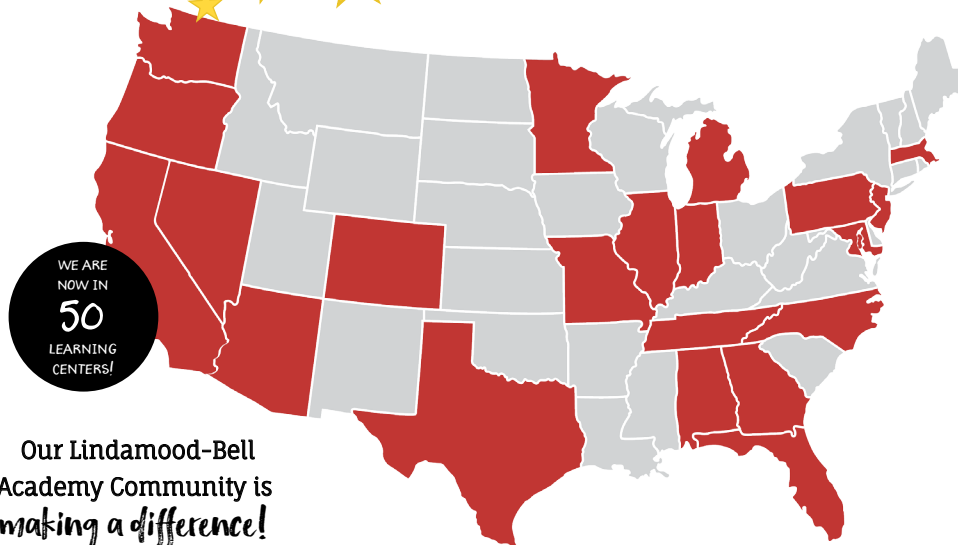
SHINE ON CAST

“My favorite aspect of being in the Lindamood-Bell family is the empowerment that permeates every layer of our programs. We approach learning in a way that builds on our students’ strengths and leads to huge leaps in confidence! As an office manager, my focus has shifted to big picture organization and facilitation, but I still get to view our students growth as they unlock material and subjects that may have previously felt out of reach. It is so rewarding to know that as a team, we can create an environment in which our students thrive.”

~ Michelle Lakey, Birmingham Office Manager



LINDAMOOD-BELL ACADEMY COMMUNITY



Our Lindamood-Bell Academy Community is *making a difference!*

LINDAMOOD-BELL ACADEMY

NOW HAS

140 STUDENTS

IN

50 LEARNING CENTERS

ACROSS

22 STATES

SPANNING

3,113 MILES

GOOD TO KNOW

If you would like to meet with your student’s team, the next opportunity to schedule a Parent Teacher Conference will be during the week of **Tuesday, January 16th**. Your local learning center will help with scheduling your appointment. We will be discussing the transition from first to second semester.

The next round of Parent Teacher Conferences will be in early March.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 10:** Bookworm Day for Wacky Wednesday
- **January 15:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
- **January 16:** Parent Teacher Conferences begin
- **January 17:** Wacky Wednesday: Zoo Animal Day
- **January 19:** End of First Semester and Parent Teacher Conferences end
- **January 22:** First Day of Second Semester
- **January 24:** Wacky Wednesday: Crazy Hat Day
- **January 29:** First Semester Grades Posted / Report Cards follow
- **January 31:** Wacky Wednesday: Mismatch Day

