

HOLIDAY EVENTS

What a busy time of year the holidays are for all of us! To make things a little easier, I am sending home a summary of all the exciting events we have planned for your child in 1D. Please read it over carefully and keep it somewhere safe to refer to it throughout the month.

HOLIDAY READ ALOUDS-

This is my favorite part of the holiday. I am inviting our parents (moms and dads) to come in and read a favorite holiday book to the class. If you don't have a favorite I will send one home for you to bring in. The children love hearing parents read. Please sign up for a time that works for you. We are available between 9:00 and 10:00 and 11:30-1:00. Come in any during the weeks of December 3rd and Dec. 10th. Send me an email with a time and day and include the title of the book so we don't have any repeats. We can't wait!

Dec. 3rd-Holiday **five Dollars Due** for HOLIDAYS AROUND the WORLD crafts and food.

Week of Dec 3rd - Our **santa shop** is open this week. Children can send in money and shop for family and friends. More information will be coming home soon as well as a specific day and time that we will be shopping.

December 3rd - **Elf Day**. This is usually around the time our class elf arrives. We are keeping our fingers crossed that he finds us again this year! We will be reading books about Santa's busy helpers and the children will create a job application to be Santa's little helper. Come dressed up like an elf if you'd like.

Dec. 4th-Pictures with **santa**. Come dressed in your holiday clothes and get your picture taken with Santa himself! You must pre-pay with the office prior. A flyer was sent home last week.

December 5th- **Santa Day** come to school with a Santa hat and a red shirt. We will immerse ourselves in Santa stories, crafts and activities. We will be writing our letters to Santa that day as well. This is a great time of year to incorporate letter writing in the curriculum.

Dec. 7th-Field Trip to **Dock Street Theatre** to see Junie B. Jones. We will meet up with our favorite silly, first grader as she acts out scenes from some of our favorite stories.

December 10th- **Reindeer Day** we can't forget about Santa's reindeer! Come dressed in brown and wear your reindeer antlers if you have them. We will be making a surprise for our parents and reading about everyone's favorite reindeer...Rudolph!

December 12th- **Grinch Day**. Just like our Santa Day, but this day is all about the Grinch. Be sure to wear green this day. We will be eating Grinch inspired snacks, create Grinch crafts, read and watch the original How the Grinch stole Christmas.

December 17th and 18th- **HOLIDAYS AROUND the WORLD**

PACK YOUR BAGS! The children are headed on a trip around the world. Each class in first grade gets to visit other classrooms to learn about different holidays celebrated around the world. They will make a craft and eat a treat from the country that they will visit.

December 19th- Get ready to ride on the **POLAR EXPRESS**. Don't bother getting dressed today. First graders can wear their pajamas to school. We will watch the Polar Express and drink some hot cocoa. We will compare and contrast Chris Van Allsburg's book entitled The Polar Express and the movie.

December 20th- Phew... This is the last full day before the winter break. We will celebrate the holiday season with a **CLASS PARTY at 11:30**. All are welcome to stop in at the party. Students may be signed out after the party.

December 21st- We have a half day. The school will participate in a school wide sing a long in the morning. Dismissal is at 11:40. Lunch will not be served.

Well folks, there you have it...the holiday season in a nutshell (or "nutcracker"). ANYBODY want to trade places with me? In all seriousness, this month provides so many memories for the children. I am honored to be a part of their holiday experiences.

Love, Mrs. Wagaman

