

December 9 , 2011

Dear Parents,

Our Christmas party is right around the corner. We will be having it on December 20th at 2:15. We are going to have a similar format to the Halloween party with 4 centers. We will be doing cookie decorating, a craft, Christmas bingo, and a game. We will also have food and drinks. Please see the attached form to fill out if you would like to donate or volunteer. Thanks in advance!

We have our funny money store every other week. We are taking donations of small toys and schools supplies. Thank you in advance.

Math : Congratulations to all of your children! The first trimester is over! Everyone seemed to do very well on the assessments even though some needed to take them more than once. That is really fine. The goal is for your child to master the concept. We have started and are very close to finishing coordinate graphing. There is no formal assessment and the next chapter is Multiplication.

Writing- We are busy crafting essays! Students are working hard writing their thesis statements and 3 supporting statements. From there, they will grow this into a 5 paragraph essay. Students are writing about topics that they are experts on. Once they master the art of essay writing, we will be able to write persuasive essays, literary essays, and Informational essays that involve research. We are so excited!!

Reading- We have been reading non-fiction books in our small groups this week. We have also been talking about inferring. Next week we will be looking at different characteristics of different genres. Please note, all students will have a book to read for their small group over Christmas break. This is so we stay in the routine of reading. 2 weeks is to too long to “take a break” from reading without losing some of our progress. Thank you for your support.

Social Studies: We just took our government assessment today and will probably not start another science unit until after Christmas break.

Dates to remember:

Reproductive Health (girls only) December 15, 16

Christmas Party- December 20th 2:15

Holiday Break- December 21-January 4th (Happy Holidays!!)

Donations Wanted:

We would love to have books that you are no longer using donated to our classroom library. We are also always looking for items to sell in our funny money store. We sell things like pencils, erasers, dollar store items, and healthy snacks.

We are striving to make 2011 the best year ever for your children. Please let us know if there is anything we can do additionally to accommodate your child.

Sincerely,

Haley Querbach

Lorie Hill

Our donations for our Angel Tree Family are coming in very SLOWLY! It is our hope to help make Christmas very special for a family in need. If you have questions or have misplaced the shopping list, please let us know and we will give you the information again. This is always such a special project and the goal is to teach the kids the real meaning of giving and to show them how good they will feel by helping out a local family. Thank you in advance for helping us to perform our own Christmas "miracle".

We will be having our Christmas party in our class on December 20th at 2:15. We are looking for parents to volunteer and donate. Please mark below what you would like to do. Thanks so much! We hope to see you there.

I would like to volunteer to run a center (we need at least 8 parents for this)

I would like to donate sugar cookies for decorating.

I would like to donate cookie decorations

I would like to donate another food item (we will be sending home more specifics next week)

Child's Name: _____ Parents Name: _____

e-mail _____

Phone: _____