

December 2014

Month of togetherness  
Being with friends and family  
Snowy month of closeness  
Sweet December

Month of gratefulness  
Giving, receiving and sharing  
Warm month of kindness  
Caring December

By Just Patty

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe its December already! November was filled with many great learning opportunities for your children. We also had to great assemblies focused on Thanksgiving. You also received feedback on your child's performance at the **November Parent-Teacher Conferences** and the first marking period report cards. We feel it is important that you are informed and are aware of your child's progress. If you were unable to come to school, please make sure you connect with your child's teacher by phone if you haven't already done so.

In keeping with our school-wide effort of helping students meet their potential, we are emphasizing the importance of writing and reading. We are asking for your continued support. Encourage your child to express ideas using complete sentences. Engage in conversations wherein your children can explain why and how things happen. Most important is that your child has opportunities to practice the skills that we

develop at school. Please keep in mind that writing skills improve as students read. Support your child's reading goals by making sure he or she reads at least 20 minutes per night. Reading **to** your child is also important.

Please keep in mind that books are a wonderful gift for any child!

**December Dates to Remember:**

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Picture Re-Take Day

December 9<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting – 7pm Parents that would like to be a part of the executive PTO team or volunteer in some capacity should attend this meeting.

December 12<sup>th</sup> – Early dismissal – 11:35 Teachers will participate in the Professional Learning Academy in the afternoon.

December 18<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sing-Along 1:30PM Parents Welcome!

December 19<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sing-Along 1:30PM Parents Welcome!

December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup> – School is closed

We return to school January 5<sup>th</sup>