

Holiday Headlines...

Calendar

December 17: Oatmeal collection for Community Action House ends

December 19: First grade PJ Day!

December 20: Class book exchange and Christmas party! Mrs. Nelson's last day ☺

December 21-January 5: Enjoy your Christmas Break: NO SCHOOL!

Monday, January 6: School Resumes

Homework Warning!

There will be some extra holiday homework coming home with your child this week.

Please get this out of your son/daughter's backpack promptly and work on a little bit every few days over break.

It is not meant to be a burden at all – your family time is the most important thing! – but it will not be beneficial (or enjoyable!) for your child to do all of it at once at the end of break!

Holiday Reminders/Explanations:

- ❖ Thank you so much for all of your emails, phone calls, gifts, and support as I prepare for my maternity leave. It is a very bittersweet feeling to know that I only have a few days of teaching left this school year, but I know that I'll be back to visit and catch up with your kiddos often! ☺ Ms. Robin Hoek (ZPS and GVSU graduate and experienced 1st grade teacher) will be filling in for the rest of the school year and I am absolutely confident that you will love her! She has spent a few full days observing my teaching and has subbed for our class when I was sick. She has taken the time to get to know each of the children and the curriculum, and she will be spending the majority of this week in our classroom just to make the transition easier. Ms. Hoek will be sending a letter home to you later this week with more information, but please rest assured that your children will be in GREAT, loving, and capable hands for the rest of this school year.
- ❖ To celebrate filling our class bucket (with good deeds and kindness!), we will be having **PJ Day this Thursday**. Please let your child show his/her excitement by dressing in pajamas or comfy clothes on this special day; they've earned it! Keep in mind, we will still go outside for recess in the morning ☺
- ❖ Please remember to have your child bring a wrapped book for the **book exchange by Thursday, December 19!** We will be exchanging on Friday. Remember, the book should be wrapped and suitable for a boy or a girl. Don't forget to include the gift tag labeled - "to: a friend, from: [your child's name.]"
- ❖ If you are interested in donating a supply for our **class Christmas party** (or PJ Day), please see the sign up link on our class website. Also, know that you are welcome to stop by on **Friday from 2:30-3:30** if you'd like to join in the celebration!

Thanks for all of your help!

Happy Holidays! ☺

-Mrs. Nelson