

Children's Village News



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HOLIDAY PLANNING

With the holiday season upon us, we know things can get a little hectic and some families may forget to tell us about planned days off. In order for us to staff appropriately, it is very helpful if you could please let us know ahead of time if your child will be out any days in December and January (especially Monday, 22nd, December Tuesday, December 23rd and Friday, January 2nd). Knowing this will help us grant some requests for time off for team members. You can stop by the office and let us know or simply respond to the newsletter email informing us of any days you plan on keeping your child out of school.

CURRICULUM

This month's curriculum focus will be family traditions, weather changes, animals in the winter, giving, and gifts to nature.

FAMILY TRADITIONS

We welcome you to come and read a story or share one of your family's holiday traditions with the school or your child's class. Please contact your child's teacher to arrange a date and time.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Last month, we revieved 1,086 bonus points to use for books and other supplies.

December book orders are available by the sign in/out books and are **due Friday the 12**th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Park Day

Room 5 will be walking to La Veta Park located @ 3705 E. La Veta Ave, on **XXX**. We will be leaving school around 9:20am.

Library Day

Room 3 will be walking to the El Modena Branch Library, located at 380 S. Hewes St, on **XX.** We will be leaving school around 9:10am.

Book Exchange

We will be having a book exchange on **Thursday the 18th**. This is a great opportunity to teach children about the joy of giving and receiving while promoting literacy.

Each child should bring a wrapped book to be given to another child in his/her class (\$5 limit please). Label who it is from only, do not specify who the book should go to.

Children not attending school the day of the "Book Exchange" are welcome to come for the event at 11:00am, but must be accompanied by an adult.

School Closing Early

School will be closing at **5:00pm on Friday, December 12**th for our annual staff gathering.

Winter Break

School will be <u>CLOSED</u> on Wednesday, <u>December</u> 24th through Thursday, January 1st.

We will be open for all programs starting **Friday**, **January 2**nd.



Gift Donation

Thank you to all the families who sponsored a child in the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program. I'm sure you helped make this holiday season very special for that particular child in the foster care system.

There is another opportunity to bring joy and laughter to a child this holiday season. We will be teaming up with Operation Santa Claus in providing special gifts to the children and families in foster care, group homes, needy children in transition who are abused, neglected, physically or mentally challenged, or homeless in Orange County.

You can support this great cause by donating gifts for families and children of all ages. We strongly encourage you to involve your child in the process by talking about what you are doing, why you are doing it and by letting vour child choose a the (depending on age). Remember the Operation Santa Claus serves children of all ages, birth through age seventeen (17).

The representative said they are always in need, or low, on toddler toys, teen gifts and girl specific toys.

All donations are due on Wednesday the 17th.

LOOKING INTO JANUARY

- * <u>Thurs. 1/1</u> = School Closed Holiday
- * <u>Mon. 1/19</u> = <u>School Closed</u> Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Staff In-Service
- * XXX = Preschool field trip to Bounce U