



## 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, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>). 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.

## DATES TO REMEMBER



### School Closing Early

School will be closing at **5:00pm on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** for our annual staff gathering.

### Winter Break

School will be **CLOSED** on **Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** through **Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**.

We will be open for all programs starting **Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**.

### Park Day

**Room 3** will be walking to La Veta Park located @ 3705 E. La Veta Ave, on **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. We will be leaving school around 9:20am.

### Library Day

**Room 5** will be walking to the El Modena Branch Library, located at 380 S. Hewes St, on **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. We will be leaving school around 9:10am.

## Book Exchange

We will be having a book exchange on **Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 11am**. 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 enrolled on this day are welcome to come for the event at 11:00am, but must be accompanied by an adult.

## Kid's Night Out

Kid's Night Out is **Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-11pm**. This is an opportunity for you, the parents, to go out while your children are having a blast at school.

**This event is open to children 3 months through 10 years.** The cost for children 2 and up is \$30 per child and \$15 for siblings. The cost for infants is \$50. Please note we must have a minimum of 10 children to have the event for the preschool age children and a minimum of 3 infants to have the event for infants. **The last day to sign up is Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>.**

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

December Scholastic book orders are available! Orders are due Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup>. Please drop your order form and payment in the box in the office or order online at:

[www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs)

Our school activation code is: **GKJ9B**

## CURRICULUM

The following areas of focus are common topics that may emerge this month: weather changes, family celebrations and shared traditions, animals in the winter, and the Joys of Giving.

**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.**

## Gift Donation

Each year, we are given an opportunity to bring joy and laughter to a child during the 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. This is a opportunity to teach children the concept of giving and caring for others. 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 your child choose a gift (depending on the age). Operation Santa Claus serves children of all ages, birth through age seventeen (17). **All donations are due on or before Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>.**

## LOOKING INTO JANUARY

- \* **Fri. 1/1 = School Closed** Holiday
- \* **Mon. 1/18 = School Closed** Martin Luther King Jr. Day /Staff In-Service
- \* **Fri. 1/22 =** Room 9 conferences
- \* = Preschool field trip to Environmental Nature Center

