

Dear Families,

Its official! This week we will meet the last two letter people, Xx and Ee. Students are now responsible for naming all 26 upper and lower case letters AND their sounds. This needs to happen by the end of the second quarter for them to be considered "on grade level". I am proud of this class as they seem to be using their letter and sound knowledge when reading and writing.

I have had parents inquire about a gift exchange between students. I do not do a gift exchange in kindergarten. I plan on keeping to our routine and schedule until the last few days of school before Christmas. Thursday, December 19th we will have a Polar Express day. Students can wear their pajamas all day. Students will "travel" around the world by visiting the other 2 kindergarten classrooms and doing activities with Mrs. Hlad and Mrs. Greenwood. Students will discover traditions in other parts of the world. Then in the afternoon we will watch Polar Express. Friday, December 13th, Dowds PTO is organizing a fun day for all of the children. They are looking for volunteers to help pull this event off. Please let me know if you can help for any or all of this day.

I am sending home Scholastic book orders today. Books make a great holiday gift. If you wish to place an order for Christmas please have orders in by Wednesday, December 4th. This will guarantee delivery by Christmas break. If you wish to order and use the books as a gift, just let me know and I will make arrangements for you to pick them up in the office. Our Scholastic class code is L7LXF.

If you signed up to donate holiday supplies please note that they are due by next Tuesday. If you forgot the item you signed up for, please contact me. Thanks again for your generosity.

Thanks again for all of your support. Interim reports will come home next Tuesday. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your students progress. We will continue to work hard and focus on school work so we finish the second quarter strong. The end of the quarter falls on December 20th.

I hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Anne Finn