

Holiday Greetings

December 9 - 13, 2019



It's been a busy and exciting week!

Our week has been full of SECRETS, so don't ask your child too many questions about these last couple of weeks of school before the holidays. We have enjoyed many beautiful books that have taught us how the early settlers might have celebrated the holidays: Apple Tree Christmas by Trina Hakes Noble, The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey by Susan Wojciechowski, An Early American Christmas by Tomie dePaola, Diane Goode's American Christmas, A Pioneer Christmas by Barbara Greenwood, My Prairie Christmas by Brett Harvey, The Legend of the Christmas Stocking by Rick Osborne, and Silver Packages by Cynthia Rylant. These First Graders are thankful that they will be getting more than oranges, nuts, and peppermint sticks in their Christmas stockings!

We've been busily practicing for our holiday musical, led by Ms. Lauren Morris. We hope that you enjoyed the music yesterday afternoon, OR that you will be able to enjoy it in the auditorium - during Christmas in Anchorage tomorrow morning.

Our second installment of "Anchor Academy" was on Wednesday. Thanks to Galadriel Morgenthau and Tara Mouser for leading an interesting session of "Art Discovery." While you're here for Christmas in Anchorage, be sure to see the results of their work in the back hallway behind the auditorium. The children also enjoyed a special presentation entitled "Big Bad Wolf Gets Schooled" - a story about bullying.

Your child is invited to wear PAJAMAS to school next Friday! We will show "The Polar Express" to the Kindergartners and First Graders on the huge screen in the auditorium. (We know it's a "repeat" for most of our First Graders, but we don't think they will mind too much! ☺) We will enjoy some hot chocolate following the movie. And, of course, we look forward to our exciting class party, following lunch.

As you wrap up your Christmas shopping, could you please remember us with a **large paper shopping bag (with handles)** - or maybe even two? We will have many goodies to tote home on Friday the 20th. Backpacks will not be sufficient. Thank you!

Don't forget our book exchange for the class party! Kids may begin to bring those in at any time. Please be sure they are here by the morning of the 20th. Gifts should be wrapped, but labeled with only YOUR CHILD's name, please.

Look for me tomorrow at Christmas in Anchorage! Have a great weekend.