

Kindergarten Newsletter

December 11, 2009

Reading:

This week in Reading, we have learned about the Mexican traditions and of the legend of the poinsettia. Our treasure book by Tomie dePaola is titled just that. The Legend of the Poinsettia is the Mexican Legend of the poinsettia. It is about a little girl who offers weeds as her gift to the Baby Jesus. Lucida and her mother are chosen to make the gift of a new blanket for the manger on the night of the procession, but her mother falls ill. Lucida tries to fix the blanket herself and it cannot be fixed in time for Christmas. She meets an old woman who tells her that any gift is beautiful because it is given. Lucida decides to give the gift of weeds. Those weeds miraculously turn into beautiful poinsettia flowers. Our treasure for this week is a laminated picture of a poinsettia.

Next week, we will be reading the story Too Many Tamales. It is a festive story of family traditions in a Mexican-American home. The whole family gathers to feast on Christmas Eve and mother's ring disappears in the Masa. The cousins think that it is in one of the tamales, so the only way to find it is to eat them all!

We will be using Masa to make our own taco shells for our fiesta.

Math:

This month in math, we have really been focusing on ordinal numbers, skip counting, shapes and addition. We will continue this as well as add more steps to the processes after the holidays.

Christmas Gift Exchange:

We will be having a gift exchange this year during our Fiesta on December 21. We are asking that your child buy and wrap a small \$3.00-\$5.00 gift for another student in our class. Since it is a gift exchange, the boys will buy a gift for a boy and the girls will buy a gift for another girl. When making out the tag, please fill it out as: To a boy, From _____ (your child's name). If your child would like to participate, but feel you are not able to due to financial difficulties, please contact me and we will let Santa know and he can help out. Please have the gift in to school no later than Wednesday.

Donations:

We will be having a piñata on the 21st. If you have any candy, toys, tattoos or gum that we can use to fill our piñata, please send it in by Wednesday. We couldn't do what we do without your support.

We are also falling short on food for the fiesta as well. We will need donations of taco meat, lettuce, cheese, chips, juice and salsa. If you can help, please let us know.

Thank you so much. Please give only what you can, we know times are tough for many!

Snow pants/inclimate weather:

'Tis the season for snow pants, boots, hats and gloves! Winter weather is here. To keep things organized, you may want to label your child's snow gear. Things get a little messy by the cubbies and sometimes snow pants fall off hooks. It would cause less stress for the kids, and helpers, if the names were visible in the pants so we know who gets what. Thanks!

This year because of the new phone system that the school has, we will NOT be calling you personally to let you know of an early dismiss. If you did not sign up to receive these calls, please listen to the local radio stations. Last chance for yearbooks! After December 19th, the price goes up!

Miscellaneous:

December 21st -Fiesta

December 23rd -January 4th -Christmas Break

School Resumes January 4th-2010!

*Report card testing is starting. Please make sure your child is getting enough rest and eats breakfast.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at school with a phone call or e-mail.

Mrs. Kelzer, Miss Redfearn & Mrs. Wurster

