



Kindergarten Newsletter
December 18, 2009



Literacy:

This week we continued to learn about Mexico and their traditions. The students had the opportunity to create Mexican pottery and paint masks. This activity gave us a better understanding of what their culture is like and different types of art they make.

Our treasure book is *Too Many Tamales* by Gary Soto. 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! The children sneak into the kitchen and eat tamale after tamale to only discover the ring was NOT in the food. The family finds that the ring was on mother's finger all along! With this story we learned that telling the truth is better than lying. We added two new words to our word wall this week, put and got. Take time with your child and help them search for these words in different types of print.

Math:

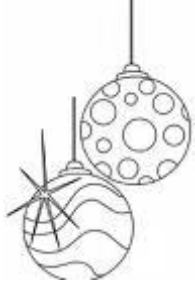
We are getting better at skip counting, shapes, addition, and ordinal numbers! We continue to practice these daily and will be learning several new concepts when we return from break

Christmas Gift Exchange:

We will be having a gift exchange this year during our Fiesta on December 21st. We ask 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 the tag, please fill it out as: To a boy, From _____ (your child's name). If you child would like to participate, but you feel you are not able to due to financial difficulties, please contact me and we will let Santa know and he can help out.

Miscellaneous:

- *December 21st-Fiesta*
- *December 23rd-January 4th- Christmas Break*
- *School Resumes January 4th, 2010!*



Have a wonderful Christmas vacation!
Mrs. Kelzer, Miss Redfearn, Mrs. Wurster

