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CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Our students have been working very hard on their Christmas programs, and they are excited to present them to you next week! A calendar of each homeroom's performance date and time can be found below. Students need to wear dark colored pants or blue jeans with a Christmas shirt or a **solid red, green, white, or gold t-shirt**. We would also like for them to wear a Santa cap and sunglasses. There is no limit to the number of visitors for these performances. Each performance will last approximately 25 minutes, so it is important that you be on time. We can't wait to show you what they have been working on!

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| <p>December 6 Hyatt, Capps, Miles 8:15 Nolan, Turner, Price 9:15 Daniels, McCormick, McKenzie 10:15</p> | <p>December 7 Sapp 8:15 Long 9:15 McLaurin 10:15 Minshew 1:30</p> | <p>December 8 Pridgen 8:15 Pullie 9:15 Short 10:15 Ramos 1:30</p> | <p>December 9 Haselden 8:15 Moody 9:15 Rice 10:15 D. Bryant 1:30</p> |
| <p>December 10 Kirk 8:15 R. Bryant, Smith 9:15 Floria 10:15</p> | <p>December 13 Allen 8:15 Morris 9:15 Hayes 10:15 Bowen 1:30</p> | | |

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The top selling students from our Krispy Kreme fundraiser were invited to ride our float in the Latta Christmas Parade. We hope you will come and enjoy the parade festivities this Friday, December 3! The parade begins at 4:30!

PRIMARY MONTESSORI

All Primary Montessori students will enjoy the movie The Polar Express on Friday, December 17 at the Ellis Performing Arts Center. Students are invited to wear their pajamas to school for this special trip. They will be walking to the EPAC, so please make sure they wear a warm coat and comfortable walking shoes.

PAJAMA DAY

All students will be having their own Christmas festivities here at school, which includes a pajama day. These students are also invited to wear their pajamas to school on Friday, December 17!

Coming up ...

- Dec 3:** Christmas Parade 4:30
- Dec 6-13:** Christmas Programs
- Dec 17:** Pajama Day
- Dec 18-Jan 2:** Christmas Holidays
- Jan 3:** School resumes

LOST AND FOUND

It's that time of year again, and lost coats and jackets are accumulating in the office. If your child is missing a coat or jacket, please stop by the school and check out what has been turned into the office. Also, please write your child's name in his or her jacket; it can then be returned to the owner easily if it is lost.

ARRIVAL TIMES

Our school day begins at 8:00. If students need to eat breakfast at school, they must arrive in enough time to finish eating before the start time. It is very important that students develop habits of arriving on time at an early age. It helps your child learn about routines and commitment. It also helps reduce classroom disruptions. Your child begins learning immediately upon arrival, so being on time is an important part of their academic success. Thank you for getting your child to school on time each day!

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

Part of our job is to keep your child safe. Afternoon dismissal is a busy part of our school day. We have procedures in place to make sure that your child gets home safely each day. If you do not have your child's school issued car tag, you must park in the parking lot and sign your child out through the front office. The teacher will bring your child to the office once all other car riders have been dismissed, which is usually around 2:45. Parents cannot walk to the car rider line to pick up a child. You must wait in the office for the teacher to bring the child to you.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Christmas break is a great time to enjoy each other as a family. Spending time together can help children develop social skills and become better communicators. It decreases behavior problems and helps children succeed academically. Please use this break from school to make memories with your child! We can't wait to hear all about it in January!

SCREEN TIME

Screen time can provide great learning opportunities for students, but too much of it can have a negative effect on their wellbeing. Large amounts of screen time can cause sleep deprivation, delayed learning, strain on the eyes, and behavior problems. Because screen time is such an independent activity, it also weakens children's emotional judgement and impairs their socializing skills. It is very important to limit your child's screen time on a daily basis. One hour per day is the ideal amount of screen time children should have. Instead, provide your child with opportunities to have fun in other ways. These things would make great Christmas gifts and help limit screen time: Lego sets, books, crafts, board games, playdough, outdoor toys, etc. Reducing screen time also frees up more time to connect with family, explore and learn about the world, and boost your child's mood. Ultimately, less screen time means a better mind and body for kids!



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Happy New Year



