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SMART Reading Tips for the Holidays

Winter break is right around the corner, and holidays can get pretty hectic! Routines can fly out the window with celebrations, travel and out-of-town guests. As your family prepares for the holidays, use these tips for keeping kids engaged in learning and reading over winter break.

1. Read for fun! Whether your child is in the mood for holiday stories or the newest installment from a favorite series, winter break provides the perfect opportunity to set aside school books and read for fun. Make time for bedtime stories to create the routine and enjoy books on a daily basis.
2. Stock up on books at the local library. Help your child pick out books they're interested in reading over the winter break. Libraries may also have fun, free

holiday activities throughout the break.

3. Make the most of travel time. Turn travel time to or from a holiday get-together into an opportunity to practice reading. You can look for license plates from different states, try to find the alphabet on the license plates, or count the number of red (or white or green) cars you see. Read street signs and billboards you see along the way.
4. Create a new tradition. A little predictability is comforting for kids. Starting a special Winter Break Story Time can be a new tradition that links reading with happy memories. Hot cocoa and your favorite stories will have the whole family feeling comfy and cozy, while creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Remember, you don't have to be an expert to help your child with reading. By simply interacting with children around books, you can show them that books are important and worthy of our attention.

Source: **SMART Reading Tips for the Holidays**

<https://www.getsmartoregon.org/smart-reading-tips-for-the-holidays/>



Dates To Remember:

- ☺ Dec. 6-1st & 2nd Gr. Winter Concert for school—1:30
- ☺ Dec. 7-1st Gr. Winter Concert—6:30
- ☺ Dec. 7- 2nd Gr. Winter Concert—7:15
- ☺ Dec. 11-Kid Connection Santa Secret Shop
- ☺ Dec. 14-Kid Connection Mtg. @ 6:00 in LMC
- ☺ Dec. 15- K5 Christmas Program 1:30
- ☺ Dec. 21-K5-2nd Gr. Winter Playland
- ☺ Dec. 22-Christmas Walk 8:30
- ☺ Dec. 22-5th Gr. Band & Chorus Concert 9:00
- ☺ Dec. 22-EARLY RELEASE 1:00
- ☺ Dec. 25-Jan.1-NO SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK
- ☺ Jan. 2-STUDENTS RETURN
- ☺ Jan.8-12-Pop Tab Contest

Music News

On Thursday, December 7th, The First and Second grade classes will be presenting "The ABCs of Christmas". The First Grade performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. First Grade students should report to their homerooms by 6:15. The Second Grade performance will begin at 7:15. Second Grade students should report to their homerooms by 7:00. The 1st and 2nd Graders will also perform the show for the student body on Wednesday, December 6th at 1:30 p.m. We are looking forward to performing for you.

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The Fifth Grade Band and Chorus will present their Holiday Concert on Friday, December 22nd at 9:00 a.m. The concert will take place in the Multipurpose Room at the Elementary School. Both groups will perform a variety of Music for the holiday season. We hope you can join us.

Albrecht Students Are Earning PBIS Rewards

Students helping Mr. Novy with morning announcements.



JOSH

Mrs. Weis' Room



CHESNEY

Mrs. Helgestad's Room



MIA

Mrs. Lunde's Room

Students earned the right to sit in Mr. Novy's chair for a day.



KAYLEE

Mrs. Sanchez's Room



KEGAN

Mrs. Drasch's Room



KAYLEE

Mrs. Seagreaves' Room



MALACHI

Read to his Class



REMY

Helped in the LMC



DONOVAN

Helped wash dishes

A Note From Mrs. Hipenbecker-Kindness

Our monthly character trait of focus for the month of December is kindness. So often there is an emphasis on our individual child's achievement and happiness with less focus on if they are caring for and being kind to others.

While we may feel that it is important to enable our children to be receivers of kindness, to teach them to graciously accept a compliment or gift, research has shown that showing kindness to others is the key to happiness. We feel better about ourselves when we do nice things for others.

When we teach our children kindness we escalate their feelings of happiness, improve their well-being, reduce bullying, improve friendships and build peace.

Kindness, just like any other behavior can be learned and one of the most dominant ways children learn new behaviors is by copying those around them. This means that as adults, we have a powerful ability to teach by example. We can model kindness by simply wishing well for others. By smiling and

complimenting a neighbor, friend, or stranger, by holding the door open for someone or by offering to help someone out. We model kindness by showing respect for our family members and speaking to each other in respectful ways. If we allow our children to speak rudely to us, they may think that it is okay to speak rudely to others as well.

Assign your child appropriate chores, such as cleaning their room or feeding the family pet. Expect them to help out because it is the right thing to do, not necessarily because they are "earning" something. Kids should understand that a certain amount of help is expected because they are helping out the family and it is the right thing to do.

As they complete these tasks try not to take over, or critique too much. You're teaching your child that they can make a difference and your child will show great pride in doing their share. If you teach them they can make a difference at home, imagine how good they will feel stepping out into the world and doing for others.

Lastly, help your child see the good in others and the kind acts happening around them. Too often we are bombarded with negative and scary news. Point out to your child the good things that are happening and the good people who are helping. Discuss the volunteers who rush in to help after a natural disaster, or the groups who volunteer to build houses and hold food drives. This can help your child feel better about the world they live in, as well as get them thinking about how they can also be kind and helpful.

Teaching our kids to be kind does wonders for their self-esteem and well-being, as well as ensures that we are setting them up for future success.

"No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted." - Aesop



Be Kind

Save Those Pop Tabs!

The TOTAL team will be holding the Annual Pop Tab Contest the week of January 8-12. Please start saving tabs from soda cans, energy drinks, soups, canned fruits, etc.

The winning class per grade level will earn a reward!

The money raised will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House

in Madison.

Thank you in advance for supporting the Ronald McDonald House!



Artsonia Art News

Looking for original gift ideas? Check out your child's Artsonia account! Artsonia is the world's largest online art museum and you can find it at www.artsonia.com There are 27 different personalized keepsakes in the Artsonia Gift Shop to choose from! It's free for viewing, and if any products are ordered, our art room receives 20% cash back to use toward new art materials. More than half of the new wobble chairs in the art room were

purchased with Artsonia funds this year! In the past we have had a visiting artist, purchased an iPad Air specifically for the art room, and enjoyed traveling artist murals.

By now, every Kindergarten through Fifth Grade student should have, or very shortly will be bringing home, an Artsonia slip with their screenname and security key for accessing Artsonia. Join today!

Our fan club numbers have nearly reached 400 and are growing every day! Your support is greatly appreciated by all of our artists and our art program! Happy Holidays!

Artist: Jimmy Meyers (ScreenName: Jimmy7)

Group: Homeroom B Grade: PreK-4

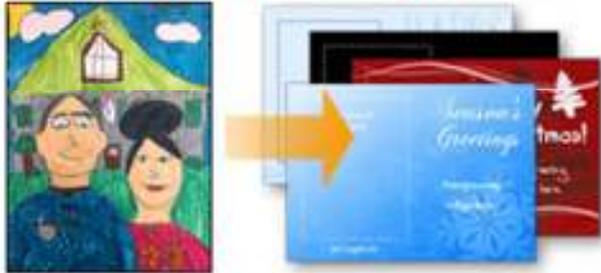
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Custom keepsakes with your child's art!
Perfect for holiday gifts and stocking stuffers!
Help raise funds for our school art program!
Holiday Cards now at discounted prices!

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