

Dear Parents,

December and winter weather are upon us! Even with cooler weather, we do still go outside to play. Please dress your child and send appropriate hats and mittens for the weather.

On Wednesday, December 5, your child has a chance to visit the Fritz Holiday Store. (See PTO letter sent last week.) This year, the store will be run differently than in the past. Only children who have their envelopes (\$) will be visiting the store on Wednesday. **This will be the only chance to visit the store during kindergarten classtime. However, if you would like to shop with your child, the store is open on Tuesday evening, December 4 from 6:00-8:00 pm. You are invited to bring your child to shop at that time. The store will also be open on Saturday morning, Dec. 8 during the Pancake Breakfast.** Gifts will not be wrapped this year. If you are sending money for your child to shop on Wednesday, please indicate on the envelope who they are to be shopping for. Example: mom--\$1 dad--\$1, etc.

This month, we will be reading stories about the winter season along with some holiday classics such as The Gingerbread Man. We will have a chance to act out some of the stories. We continue practicing letter formation, focusing on lowercase letters. When writing, we talk about how our pictures match our words. In connection with our writing, the class has entered the Newspapers in Education contest sponsored by Lancaster Newspapers. The students drew pictures to illustrate headlines.

Reminders: Early Dismissal Day—Wednesday, Dec. 12

Holiday Break begins Monday, December 24. School resumes Wednesday, Jan. 2

Happy Holidays,

Sue Gehman and Kelly Derr

P.S. Books make great holiday gifts! The last book order before the holidays is due by Dec. 5. I would be happy to get books to you without your child's knowledge. Just send me an e-mail.

