

December 20, 2013

Dear Parents,

Just a short note after a wonderful morning Christmas Party. A heartfelt thanks to all the parents who helped out so much today, and again to those who have helped out with field trips, parties, snacks, etc. all year long.

I think (and hope) that this past 2 weeks has been a great lesson for the kids - we've had a heaping helping of holiday cheer at morning meeting time, snack time and recess, and yet the students have buckled down and gotten some serious academic study in as well, covering significant units in Social Studies, Science, Math and Language Conventions (we even managed to mix business and pleasure by dissecting Christmas carols looking for nouns and adjectives!)

We finished the academics yesterday, so today we pulled out all the stops and just had fun - a cooked breakfast, charades, Rudolph, Secret Santa gift exchange, making gingerbread houses (a.k.a. eating icing and the candy decorations for gingerbread houses), running around the playground, and Christmas Jeopardy (see my website under the Christmas Challenge if you want to play at home over the holidays - but you better be up on your Frosty, Grinch & Rudolph trivia!)

There is no homework over the holidays, however the first part of the Newbery project is due on Jan 10th. Please keep your children reading, counting, measuring & thinking over the holidays, and above all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mac