Dear Parents:

December is a busy and short month for us at school. We have several activities planned and are excited to share and celebrate with your children. Please read and note the calendar activities in this newsletter. The Christmas program will be on Wednesday, December 16th 12:30-2:00 pm.

I am promoting the “curriculum of the home”, which can have a great effect of family bonding. Here are some tips for a productive and stimulating home environment: (1) have parent–child conversations about school and everyday events; (2) encourage and have discussion of leisure readings; (3) monitor, discuss, and guide television viewing and peer activities; (4) defer immediate gratification to accomplish long term goals; (5) express affection and interest in the child’s academic and personal progress; and (6) share the gifts of laughter and spontaneity.

Christmas Vacation begins on Monday, December 21, 2015 through Monday, January 4, 2016. Students will return on Tuesday, January 5th. During the two weeks of Christmas break, have your child engage in reading and hands-on learning. Have a safe, happy and prosperous holiday season!

Principal’s Parley

Yvonne M. Haven, Principal

We Are Thankful

We are thankful for Ms. Vargas, who gave us book buddies to read to. We are thankful for our kitchen workers who make delicious food for us. We are thankful for our bus drivers who keep us safe in the bus. We are thankful for our janitors who keep our room clean. We are thankful for Miss Haven who keeps the school open for us. We are thankful for learning new things.

Ms. Reidl & Mrs. Shroulote’s Kindergarten

Literacy In The Library

There are dozens of Christmas Books published each year. However, there are some old classics that have stood the test of time. Among them are: Morris’s Disappearing Bag, Santa’s Book of Names, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree, Polar Express, The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Children of Christmas: Stories for the Season.

If you find yourself extra time during the holiday head to the library for some good family reads.

Rita Vargas, School Librarian
December 2015

Bee Ready!

The 2015-16 Scripps Spelling Bee is upon us once again. Our students have finished their class competitions and these winners then move on to the schoolwide challenge on December 9th, at 9:00a.m. here at the school. The spelling is open to students in grades 2-8th. The district-wide competition will be held on January 27th, 2016 at the Performing Arts building at Grants High School. The bee begins at 9:30 a.m. Please join us and support our students as they compete at the regional level. The spelling bee will include knowing vocabulary in the last few rounds and does count toward elimination. Students keep studying. Best wishes to our spelling bee participants!

CENAC Science Fair

Sky City Scientists did us proud!
Turquoise Ribbons
Mariah Phillips
Megan Charlie
Kauis Lucero
Miranda Washburn

Coral
Tevye Martinez
Zayvyer Chino
Patricia Histia
Shell
Destiny Ascencio

Taylor Antonio,
Jr.
Green - Honorable Mention
Deana Garcia
Big Congratulations to all those who participated!

Schedule of Events

- 10/3 - SPED Parent Night 5:30-7:00pm
- 12/4 - Early Dismissal 1:00pm
- 12/10 - Early Dismissal 1:00pm
  PTO Meeting 6:00pm
- 12/15 - Make It/Take It Night 5:30-7:00pm
- 12/16 - Christmas Program 12:30-2:00pm
- 12/18 - Early Dismissal 1:00pm
- 12/21-1/1 - Christmas Break (No School)