

## UPDATE FROM ROOM 4

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Just a quick note to update everyone on our very busy month of December:

**Games Basket:** Thank you to everyone who donated to our Grade 2/3 Games basket. We got some amazing games and I know anyone who wins our basket will be thrilled. We had such a great contribution I may even have to make up two baskets. Please check it out when you come in for the concert.

**Christmas Concert:** Our dress rehearsal is on Tuesday. Special clothes are not required, but we will be using all our props so if your child is bringing in a prop from our list please make sure it is in on Tuesday. On Thursday we will need to come to school in our "costumes or special clothes" for our performance in the afternoon. We hope that all the students are able to make it back for the evening performance. Please drop your child off in our classroom, and then you may pick them up from the room after the grand finale. The students have been working very hard on perfecting our production number and I am very proud of their enthusiasm, creativity and energy. They created all their own props (with a few hints) and everything looks great.

**Gingerbread Houses:** We will be building our gingerbread houses on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. I will have milk cartons, graham crackers, icing sugar and plates to provide the base for our creations. Please send in some candy to help us with the decorations. If you have a few shreddiees, pretzels or fruit loops you could send in a baggie that would add to the beauty of our structures.

**Santa Letters:** All the students wrote a letter to Santa in class. We worked very hard to create a letter that was friendly, thoughtful and interesting while still asking for something for Christmas! I will be sending home a copy of the letter so you can all see what an excellent job your child did on their letter. We will be expecting a reply back from "Santa" during the last week of school. We can hardly wait!

**Math Problem:** I will be sending home the last math problem for 2011 on Tuesday. It is not due back until the following Monday as I know this is a busy time for everyone. Please have your child explain to you how they solved the problem.

**Izzie Care:** If you would like your family's name in the draw for looking after our beautiful class pet Izzie for the holidays, please let me know by Friday as I will do the draw then so families will know if they have a holiday visitor.

**WWW and Home Reading:** We will be spending the next two weeks reviewing our www in class so no new words will be coming home. Students are doing well on their spelling tests, but we still need to work on spelling our words correctly in our daily writing. Please keep reading with your child on a daily basis and I encourage everyone to read over the holidays as well. The students are all making progress in their reading and I want to keep it going!

**Spirit Week:** The last week of school has been designated spirit week. We will be competing in our school groups to see who can bring in the most Kraft Dinner for Community Care. The competition will go on all week and then on Friday we will have a domino game before packaging the boxes up for Smithville. During the week we will have Carol Singing, Non Fiction is performing, and we will be making

some gifts for our family members. We will also try and get some work done so peace may reign in the classroom. Look for daily challenges in your child's agenda.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas concert on Thursday. Thanks again for everyone's support and have a joyous Christmas season with friends and family.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Sutherland

