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December 2016 Newsletter

Parents' Week went well! Many thanks to our veteran parents who brought their great experience and special thanks to our new parents who caught the spirit of PW. I've heard reports of well thought out projects that were really enjoyed by our students. I'm happy to hear any feedback you have about your experience this time, in an effort to make PW even more productive and enjoyable.

Everyone should arrive by 8:54 during the Craft's Weeks, buildings are still open by 7:36. Last day of school will be Friday, December 16th. We will return on Tuesday, January 3rd for the Hard Nine Weeks. At that point Bigs' classes will begin at 8:00. Minis & Munchkins will start at 8:30.

Craft's Weeks are here! Hands-on learning in a multi-age group is a terrific opportunity for neurological and social integration for all the children. We will be spending most of our class time working like Elves. Hard and soft leather items, beaded jewelry, sachets, coil baskets, tin ornaments, whimsical felted beings, beautiful holiday cards, miles of paper chain and hundreds of Ojos de Dios await creation. Please come craft with us anytime you are free, and enjoy the fun.

Reading throughout this season is highly encouraged. *Students should all have a book for our daily half hour of silent reading, whether it comes from home or our library.*

Last Day of school(Dec. 16th) – after Secret Santa, readings from the *Bible* and *Quran*, and singing of popular Christmas songs, we will end the day with party food for the kids. Anyone able to donate homemade, handheld food for this event should contact Tara via e-mail. This has been a big hit the last few years!

New Snow is not a reason to miss school. Ski Saturday, Sunday and Monday and please have your student at school everyday. *Fingers crossed that there is enough snow that this is even an issue!*

Sickness and Park Policy states that if your child is too ill to go to the park s/he should stay home. A child can go to the park and not run themselves to exhaustion. We will have play time in the park **every day** except for extremely cold/windy conditions. The right clothes, hats, and shoes make this work well.

Snow Days will be called by me when appropriate. On these days you will receive an email by 7:00 am. We average 1.2 snow days a year. If there is snow on the ground but you haven't received an email, school is in session. Fayette has **no delays** on snowy days; drive safely and come late if needed.

Holidays Blessing to you and yours,

Tara and all our staff