

# The Ray News

December 12, 2011

Let it snow!!!



## Important News



- ❖ **MUG EXCHANGE & HOT COCOA PARTY...** Please send in one wrapped holiday mug for our mug exchange by Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. These mugs will be used during our hot cocoa party on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. We have attached a list of the treats we still need to add to our hot cocoa next week. If you are available to donate one of these items please see our 5<sup>th</sup> grade board to sign up. They will need to be turned in to your child's homeroom teacher by next Tuesday.
- ❖ **TREAT STREET...** Next Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> Students will get to enjoy delicious treats in celebration of the holiday season. Please keep Chatfield in mind as you are baking for the holidays! If you are able to help, we will need several donated baked goods for this special celebration. THANK YOU!
- ❖ **PLEASE JOIN US...** If you are available, we would love to have you join us for our morning trolley ride and visit with the reindeer next Wednesday. Mrs. Lange's class will ride the trolley at 11:00 a.m. and Mrs. LaForge's class will go for their ride at 11:15 a.m. Then, in the afternoon students enjoy hot cocoa in their new mugs while watching Disney's: A Christmas Carol. We hope that you are able to stop by and join us ☺
- ❖ **RECYCLE YOUR ADS...** Do you have a pile of advertisements at home that you are about to throw away? Instead, please send them to school. We are in need of ads (grocery, department store, etc...) for an upcoming math project. Thanks!
- ❖ **HOLIDAY SHOPPE...** On Tuesday, students will get the opportunity to preview all of the wonderful gifts. We will go down in homerooms to shop on Wednesday afternoon.
- ❖ **PROGRESS REPORTS...** This Friday, each student will be given a progress report. Please sign and return the progress report after you have reviewed it with your child. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact Mrs. LaForge or Mrs. Lange.
- ❖ **RAY NEWS...** This will be the last Ray News until after Christmas break ☺

## What's Happening?

Please check your child's planner each night to see what new concepts they are learning in math.

In literacy groups, students will continue to read A Christmas Carol in celebration of the holiday season. They will continue to write in their journals reflecting on the story. They will also do a writing activity where they write as if they were Scrooge. We will watch the movie in the afternoon on December 21<sup>st</sup>. **There will be no spelling test this week.**

In science, students will explore the circulatory system. They will participate in many hands-on activities throughout the week. On Friday they will have the opportunity to make fake blood.

In Social Studies, we will begin our next unit: Colonization and Settlement. This week they explore the transition from exploration to colonization.

In Writer's Workshop, students will continue to work on their historical fiction. This week they will focus on voice. They will also continue to conference with their teacher to make sure they are including all of the required elements.



HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS



The 5<sup>th</sup> grade teaching team wishes you  
and your family a safe, relaxing and happy  
holiday vacation!!

# Important Dates



December 16	Progress Reports
December 21	Treat Street
December 22- Jan. 2	Holiday Break
January 3	School Resumes
January 13	Winter Survival Day- Tentative
January 16	No school for students
January 23	P.I.E. Meeting 6:30
January 25	Family Literacy Pact 2: Comprehension strategies 5:30-7:30
January 26	Chinese New Year Lunch
January 27	End of second card marking
January 27	Backcountry Film Festival
February 3	Report Cards
February 7-9	Student- Led Conferences
February 9	Daddy- Daughter Dance
February 10	Valentine Celebration
February 13-17	Winter Break- No School
February 20	Winter Break- No School
February 21	School resumes



## HOW CAN I CONTACT AN UPPER EL TEACHER???



Upper El Teachers can be reached by phone before school from 8:00-8:30 a.m. or after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Feel free to e-mail questions or concerns at anytime.

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