December Newsletter

Dates To Remember:
- **Dec. 11** (8 & 12 for absentees) – “Preschool Holiday Bookstore” ️
- **Dec. 14** – “Book Exchange Parties” @ 10:30 am & 2:30 pm 🎅
- **Dec. 20** – Librarian Visits Classrooms 📚
- **Dec. 21** – “Gingerbread Cookie Day” 🍪

Last Day of School until **Wed., Jan. 9, 2019!** 🎁

We want to thank all of you who attended our Harvest Parade/Activities, Preschool Conferences and New Theme Tours! Research definitely links children’s success in school to parent involvement! We know it means a lot to children when their parents participate in their school, even though preschoolers may not tell you that directly 😊!

This month we’d like to invite parents to help with our “Preschool Holiday Bookstore” Tues., 12/11 and/or come to our “Book Exchange Parties” on Fri., 12/14. In the coming weeks, Teachers will be helping students make wrapping paper and pretend money in their classrooms. Most importantly, they will be talking to the children about how they will soon go “shopping” at our Bookstore to pick out a book for a friend and wrap it, then they will give it to their friend during their classroom Book Exchange Party. This is an altruistic activity in which children learn to be “other-minded” (a very important social skill and something that can be difficult for preschool-age children, so they need many opportunities to practice 😊). We purchased the books with donation money from Lifetouch, so all the children will receive a brand new book to keep 📚. Judy (Director) will set-up the Bookstore in the Preschool Office (Room #15), but we’ll need parent volunteers to play the various roles of cashiers, sales and gift wrapping clerks! Please contact Judy if you would like to participate...it’s a lot of fun! The children will exchange their wrapped books on Fri., 12/14, which will be followed by some holiday cheer (popcorn & warm cocoa provided by the Preschool)! Please try to send a grown-up to the Book Exchange Party, as it means a lot to each child to have someone there 🎁!

This month all of the classrooms will be hearing several versions of “The Gingerbread Man” story. The children will be decorating their own gingerbread cookies on Fri., 12/21, then “hunting” for them IF they were to jump out of the oven and run away 😅!

Lastly, the 2019-2020 school year registration process is changing which includes the Preschools. Schools will be using the new “Enroll Jeffco” website, so Judy will be getting more information out to you as soon as it’s available. Secrest will also be hosting an “Open House” on Wed., 1/16 from 5-6:00pm for anyone interested in learning more about Secrest Elementary School and Preschool. More information to come on that as well 🎈.

We want to wish ALL of our Secrest families a wonderful Holiday Season 😊!!

Secrest Preschool Staff 🍪