

November 29, 2011

Class 204 families,

This is a very busy, short month. We are beginning our Winter Cultural Festival studies. This year our class will study Texas. We have some great things planned, including tasting Texas foods (Fritos, Dr. Pepper, Imperial Sugar, and citrus fruits), dissecting pecans, making homemade chili and salsa, and lots of projects. (We also have a special project we are working on that you will enjoy for years to come!!)

Of course, the school provides most of what we will need for our projects. In addition to these supplies, a few additional materials will need to be purchased. In an effort to make our Texas studies easier on everyone, we've decided to collect \$20 from each family instead of asking you to send money/food supplies/etc. as the projects come up.

Please send \$20 with your child as soon as possible. Thank you to those of you who have already done this!! We can't wait to show you all that we learn about the great state of Texas.

For our special performance on Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, please have your child arrive by 5:45 dressed in any Texas gear they have (hat, bandana, boots, etc.) Please do not go out and purchase anything to wear. You will want any family members that want to watch their performance to arrive no later than 6:00. The performance will be in our classroom. You will be amazed and impressed by our musical abilities!! Bring your camera!

Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> is a noon dismissal day in preparation for Winter Festival. Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> is our Winter Party day followed by noon dismissal, no extended care. If you have signed up to help/send something for the party, a reminder is attached.

School is closed Dec. 17-Jan. 2, 2012. Classes resume on Tuesday, Jan. 3. Have a safe holiday!

Thanks for all that you do to enrich your child's learning.

Sarah and Amy

Month at a glance:

ASAP	Send \$20 for Texas studies
Thurs., Dec. 15	noon dismissal, Winter Festival at 6:00 – arrive by 5:45 for musical performance
Fri., Dec. 16	Winter party, noon dismissal
Dec. 17 – Jan. 2	School Closed – Winter Break
Jan. 3	Classes resume