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From the Chief:

Parents,

Thank you for a super first semester of school. Our teachers are working diligently to prepare all of our students for the next grade level. It is imperative that our students focus on listening, following directions, completing assignments and homework. Please review our school and bus rules with them. Our rules are on pages 25 and 26 of the Northwestern Elementary Student/Parent Handbook. Our handbook can be found on the Zachary Community Schools website. Click on Policies and you can find handbooks for each of the schools in Zachary. The handbook can also be found on our webpage. I would like to recommend the following website: www.ed.gov



Important Dates:

January 4 –Teachers return
January 7-Report cards go home
January 11-Student star lunch
January 21-Papers go home
January 25-World's Finest Chocolate
Fundraiser begins

January 5-Students return
January 8-Free dress
January 18-Martin Luther King Holiday
January 22-Class pictures
January 28-Chocolate delivered



PreK News:

Back again it's 2010! Happy New Year and welcome back! December kept us quite busy as we began our month with the "Gingerbread Man" unit. We tasted gingerbread cookies and completed a "Bite Graph". After making predictions as to what might have happened if the story ended differently, we dropped a gingerbread cookie into water and observed. We also used various items to measure a large gingerbread man. In our "Christmas Symbols" unit, we were busy "little elves" making ornaments for our class tree, sorting packages by size, graphing bows by color, writing a list for Santa, and making a special surprise to give to someone we love at home. December even brought us a special surprise . . . SNOW!!! We are learning so many new things in Pre-K and enjoying every moment along the way. We look forward to our January units "Winter Wonderland" and "Our Earth/Our Weather". Thank you all for your constant kindness and support.



Kindergarten News:

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday. We will now be working hard to prepare for 1st grade.

This month we will be studying weather, space, and planets. Kindergarten will be going on a field trip to the planetarium. Now that we have learned our letters and sounds we will be blending them together to read words and sentences.

In math, we will be working on ordinals, counting to 100, and looking forward to the 100th day of school!



First Grade News:

Hopefully everyone had a peaceful and restful Christmas break. We enjoyed learning about different Christmas symbols and finding the countries where they came from. Our Polar Express Pajama Party was a blast! The children loved wearing their pajamas. We are now getting ready to read books and do activities about snow, snowmen, and winter.

We will also begin preparation for the IOWA test. Information will be forthcoming. Please make sure your child completes homework every day. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.



We wish you a Happy New Year!

