

December 16, 2011

Dear Families,

As we begin to reach the mid-point of the school year, I cannot help but think of the tremendous progress your children have made since September. As much as we have grown academically, we have also grown closer as a “school family”. Building community has always been an important component in our classroom and we are continually working on ways to make everyone a special part of our community.

With the “season of giving” upon us, I want to allow the students to take some time to show appreciation to their classmates and friends for their hard work and friendship. To do this, our class will participate in “The Secret Snowflake”. Students will each select another student’s name, at random, to be their secret snowflake. They will then create a ***small, inexpensive*** gift for that student and give it to them on Friday, December 23rd, when they reveal who the gift is from.

This should not be a store-bought gift, rather it should be homemade. Some ideas include a handmade card, a homemade gift, homemade craft, poem, story, etc. (Please, no food.) The goal is to show appreciation by taking the time to make something that is unique to the person, just as every snowflake is unique.

This is not something that should cost a lot of money, in fact, in many ways this can be done without spending any money at all. Additionally, I understand that we all celebrate different holidays and have different ways of showing thanks, and I believe that this will be a nice way to include everyone and create a wonderful experience for the children. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Miss P