

Dear Parents,

The first 12 weeks of school have certainly flown by. I enjoyed meeting with you to discuss progress and goals for your child, and hope you are all able to enjoy some relaxation with family over the holiday break.

## What's happening in Class

In **reading**, we've been working with non-fiction texts, focusing on text features, including captions, labeling, cutaways, pictures, and headings. Our writing unit on Fictional Narratives is coming to a close. We've started working on non-fiction writing by listing areas of expertise. In **Math**, our unit on **multiplication** with 1, 2, and 3 digit numbers is coming to an end. We'll take a review test next week, and finish up with the actual assessment after break, before moving on to **division**. Our **Science** unit on **plants and animals** is wrapping up with an assessment on Monday. After break, we'll be doing a short science unit on matter, focusing on how we measure liquids, solids, and gasses.

## Christmas Party

We are planning on celebrating during the afternoon, on **Thursday**, Dec. 17. We'll have activities right after lunch at 1:15, a gift exchange, and finish the day with a movie and treats. Use the [signup genius link](#) to volunteer!

As part of our class Christmas party, students are invited, but not required, to participate in a **class gift exchange**. Each student should spend *no more than* \$3. Boys should bring in a gift for a boy, and the girls should bring in a gift for a girl. Label the gift boy or girl. All gifts should be brought in by *Wednesday, December 16*.

## Calendar app

Kids should now be able to access the calendar I created and shared with them, that can take the place of their agenda. I'd love to have some try it out and see if it can be a viable replacement for the agenda books.

## Math volunteers wanted

I've got someone willing to help out on Mondays, which is great. I'd love to have help on either

Tuesday or Thursday mornings, between 9:45 & 10:45. You'd be checking answers, (I have a key!) helping with games, and providing guidance while I work with small groups of kids. Let me know if you have questions or are interested in helping out.

## Canned food drive

Thanks to those who have already donated. We're still collecting non-perishable food items through next Tuesday. Help us win the grade level competition, and more importantly, help some local families in need

## Genius hour update

I was able to meet with a few more kids today to narrow their project focus a bit. Feel free to discuss their project and options with them over the holiday. I'm still finalizing locations and a schedule that makes sense, but you can expect a survey soon, asking which evening in mid-May works best for you and your family to come and check out the projects.

## Reminders

- Tues, Nov. 24 – Purple/Green spirit day
- Nov. 25-29 Thanksgiving break
- **Monday, Nov 30 – Nov. reading min. due**
- Fri, Dec. 11 – ½ day for students
- Thurs, Dec. 17 – *Christmas party 1- 2:30*

As always, if you'd ever like to discuss anything happening here at school, please feel free to contact me. **Quincy Elementary (616) 748-4700 ex.5731** [pgoers@zps.org](mailto:pgoers@zps.org)

Sincerely,  
Pete Goers