

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

Sincerely,
Pete Goers