

Dear Parents,

We will be celebrating Christmas this year with a Homeroom party on **Thursday, December 16th**. Our theme for the day is "Polar Express".

The children may come to school in "**school appropriate**" **pajamas or comfy clothes**. They **must wear shoes** but may bring slippers to wear in the class. We will be completing some fun Christmas themed activities throughout the day.

Our room parents are coordinating the food and drink for the party. The party portion will be after lunch recess. We will be watching the "Polar Express" and enjoying the food, drink, and opening the book gifts.

BOOK EXCHANGE INFORMATION:

1. Each child should bring in one wrapped book by **Tuesday, December 14th**. (part of the gift is in the opening of the package)
2. The book should be **new, paperback, and around \$4.00**. I am going to put the books into two piles one suitable for boys and the other suitable for girls so all the girls can pick out a book they'd like to read and the boys one they'd like to read. The books will be numbered and the children will get the gift that correlates with the number they draw. (attached are a list of popular book series)
3. Please make sure the presents are **wrapped** (no bags) after all half the fun is unwrapping the package.
4. **Attach a gift tag** to let us know who the present is from...you can leave the **to** section blank or write "**to my friend**"
5. If you are unable to purchase a book, please let me know.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am so blessed to be your child's teacher. Thank you for all of your support!

Sincerely,

Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith