

Dear Parents,

One week until Christmas break and the children can't wait! It's a good thing we will be gone on break for a while. Starting next week, construction will be happening on the playground as we get ready for the new portable. Stay tuned for any carpool line adjustments to accommodate the changes. Please return your signed report card envelope. The report card is yours to keep.

Monday, the children will be videotaped singing the 3-5 carol for the Christmas pageant. The children are to wear their **red polos** (if they have them) and bring a **Santa hat** as well. Can't wait for you to hear them! The Christmas pageant video will be sent out on Dec. 15th.

Tuesday, books for the book exchange due. We are planning fun Christmas activities throughout the week but you will also notice that we are wrapping up the math unit and reading books. Tuesday, the book "**The Orphan of Ellis Island**" is to be **finished**, the **unit assessment** will be started for our IB unit, and we will be working on a **review page for the math test** on Wednesday. The **Take home folders** will be coming home with completed work. Their final drafts of their narratives will be in their folders. Please have them share it with you. They should be very proud of all of their hard work.

Wednesday, the third grade math children will be taking their **unit 5 test**. Depending on the group, **comprehension** tests and **vocabulary** tests will be given to wrap up the reading books on either Wednesday or Thursday.

Thursday is our **Christmas Party** and **Book Exchange**. Wrapped books are due Tuesday. Please make sure to let us know if you are unable to get a book. We want to make sure all children get to participate. Thank you to our room parents who have organized the treats for the day.

Friday is early release and the dismissal times have been adjusted due to a funeral at 12:30 in the church. The first wave of carpool will be at 11:30 and the second wave will be at 11:45 in order for us to have the parking lot cleared. Don't forget it will also be free dress as well. Wear something festive! We have lots of fun Christmas activities planned starting with staff caroling at carpool in the morning with cocoa and cookies.

Have a blessed weekend and bring on the joy for the 3rd week of Advent.

Blessings,

Susan Smith and Valerie Sheehan