

December 1, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardians,

What a wonderful time of the year! These three short weeks in December are filled with learning, assessing and celebrating. We welcome you to join us for Breakfast with Santa, The Temple Christmas Parade, and Class Christmas parties as well as other volunteer opportunities throughout the school year. Thank you for ALL you do to support your child/ren as well as all of the students at TCA. Without you, we could not do what we do.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming events:

- December 4: Breakfast with Santa
- December 6: Temple Christmas Parade
- December 11: Attendance Make Up
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- December 9: Progress Reports go home
- Friday, December 17: Class Christmas parties, 12:15- 12:45 p.m.
- **Friday, December 17: Early dismissal at 1:00**
- January 5: School resumes

Notes:

We welcome all students and parents to participate in the **City of Temple Christmas Parade!** If you would like to ride a PCS bus with us, meet at the school at 4:30 p.m., Monday, December 6. We'll load the bus, drive to our spot in line, decorate the bus, and wait for the parade to start at 6:30 p.m. (Note that there will be no bathroom breaks in between loading the bus and return to school, around 8:30 p.m.) Parents/Guardians MUST accompany any children wishing to ride with us.

You do not want to miss having breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 4! Join us in this TCA tradition from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Along with a **free breakfast**, children will have the opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa. There will also be gifts available for purchase as well as a free gift-wrapping station.

Class Christmas parties will take place on Friday, December 17. The teachers will send home information regarding specifics. Please make the time to show support through donations, encouragement and/or attendance. If you attend the party, please park behind the fence and make your way to your car, promptly, at 12:45 to clear the parking lot for dismissal.

We will dismiss, for the Christmas holidays, at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 17. Please make arrangements for your child/ren to be picked up from either school or their bus stop at this earlier time.

Please remember that we open the school doors at 7:30 a.m. each morning. If you drop your child/ren off before 7:30 a.m., they are unsupervised. The district is not responsible for children left unattended by their parents before 7:30 a.m.

Dress code is strictly enforced. Please be sure that your child(ren) wears the required school uniform, follows hoodie guidelines, refrains from hair color and body piercings that fall outside of the handbook policy, and reserves denim for Fridays. Thank you for your help.

During the holidays, it is always a good idea to read at least 20 minutes a day. You can read aloud to your child, listen to your child read aloud to you, or take turns reading to each other. Any way you do it, reading skills strengthen and remain sharp while school is closed. It is also a good idea to practice math facts so that those skills are not lost over the break. Flash cards work wonders! They may be used to play games or for review. Once a student hits 3rd grade, multiplication cards are the best. Pre-kindergarten students may practice writing numbers for you, and Kindergarten-second grade students do best with simple addition and subtraction facts. Have fun and continue to learn while you are with your family!

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www.khanacademy

www.abclearning.com

www.learn4good.com

www.noredink.com

www.hoodamath.com