



Bardin Elementary Parent Newsletter December 2nd, 2009



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Dear Parents,

I hope all of you are doing well, and that you enjoyed the Thanksgiving break with your family. Soon we will break for winter vacation, and it is very important that all students continue to practice the skills they have learned up to now. Please review the following ideas about what you can do to help your child remember what he/she has learned in the different subjects:

READING

1. Ask your child to read every day for 20-30 minutes;
2. Ask him/her to explain to you in their own words, and using complete sentences what he/she remembers about what was read;
3. Read aloud to your child, and show him/her how to pronounce each word, and talk about the different types of sentences: declarative, interrogative (questions), exclamations, etc.
4. Ask your child to read aloud too, and to practice reading fluently.

WRITING

1. Last year I challenged students to write a winter journal about what they did during their winter break. Over **450** students received an award and a certificate when they returned with their journal. Please help your child complete this project during the winter break. The only thing he/she has to do is write several sentences every day explaining what they did each day. When we come back in January, we will have a special assembly to recognize all the students who complete the winter journal. This will take place on Friday, January 15th, 2010.

MATH

1. All students must know several things by memory to solve different math problems. For example, kindergarten students must be able to count and recognize numbers to **30**. 1st and 2nd graders must be able to add and subtract. Third and fourth graders must know all multiplication facts. 5th and 6th graders must know all multiplication facts in order to divide and solve problems with fractions, etc.

ATTENDANCE

As the holidays approach, please make sure your students are present until the last day before winter break (December 18th), and are back by Monday, January 11th, 2010. Students who are absent before or after the winter break, extending the winter vacation, will be at-risk of losing their space in their class or at Bardin, and may need to be bused to other schools in the District. **No special permissions will be granted to extend the winter holiday vacations.**

Thank you very much for supporting your children's education. Sincerely, Esteban F. Hernández, Principal

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	GOLF (4-6 th) 30	1	Family Reading Night, 5:00-7:00 pm 2	3	4	5
6	7	Koffee Klatch, 8:30-10:00 AM., cafeteria; PTO meeting, 6:00 PM, cafeteria 8	Board meeting, 6:30 p.m., J.G. Sánchez School 9	Special celebration in honor of Elia S. Trujillo, 10 AM 10	11	12
13	GOLF (4-6 th) 14	15	Site Council, ELLAC, 3:00 PM, library 16	Student of the Month, 10:00 AM, cafeteria 17	Last day before winter break 18	19
Winter break begins 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	January, 2010 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	Winter break ends 8	9
10	First day after winter break 11	12	13	14	Assembly to recognize writing, 10:00 AM, cafet. 15	16

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