Winter Break

December 17th is an early release Friday due to our Winter Break. Students will not have school from December 20th-December 31st, and will return to school on Monday, January 3rd. School offices will be closed during this break. Enjoy you holidays! See you in 2022.

Mid-Year Benchmark Testing

Students are taking their mid-year benchmark tests this month. It is crucial that our students do their very best and demonstrate what they have learned during this first half of the school year. Interventions and tutoring is created based on this information. We always want the most accurate information for our teachers to help our students. Thank you for your support with this.

Pendergast Sweatshirts

We have been supported to purchase Pendergast Sweatshirts once again. These can not be purchased and are given based on need and school effort. We hope you enjoy them. Thank you Pendergast Family!

Season’s Greetings!

December is already here! I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving break and had a chance to enjoy time with family and friends. Spending quality time with your kids is so important to their emotional well-being. You'd be surprised with how much impact a little of your time and attention can be on the success of your child. This means putting the cell phone down, turning off the tv or tablet, and just talking with your kids. Ask about their life outside of school. What is happening with friends? What do they enjoy doing? What are they looking forward to? Share your responses with them as well. Kids love positive attention, and the holiday season, with all of our school breaks, is a wonderful
Technology and Your Child

One trap us parents can quickly fall into is allowing too much screen time for our kids. How much time is too much? How long should kids be in front of a screen each day? Are we monitoring what our kids are doing on their tablets and phones? As our winter break approaches, finding things to keep our kids occupied might seem like a struggle. When you’re tempted to hand them a tablet or let them play a video game, watch endless hours of YouTube, please see this linked website regarding the dangers of too much online time.

healthychildren.org

Spend time with your kids and provide opportunities for your kids to interact in person with friends and family. Here are some ways to do this:

• Watch a movie together
• Play a board game
• Visit a neighborhood park
• Color a picture
• Drive around and look at holiday lights
• Work on a puzzle together
• Build a fort in the living room and camp out

time to reconnect with your children. Play cards with them or an old favorite board game. Kids spend too much time online or connected to a device. Commit to making this holiday one with less time online and more time in-person with those you love.

Happy Holidays!

Mr. Woolsey