



Ms. McNeil's Class News

December 12, 2011

Dear Parents,

Our class party is this Thursday, December 15th from 9:15-10:15. Please contact Sharon Feinblatt if you are able to help in any way.

Friday is Stafford Pajama Day! Children may wear pajamas or comfy sweats all day. We will go to recess as usual and regular shoes must be worn outside. Your child may bring some extra snack on this day for our holiday movie.

The attached letter explains our third unit of work in math. This is a review unit, but the concepts and skills should be practiced throughout the year. Story problems in addition and subtraction are a great way to see how well your child can represent their mathematical thinking.

If you have time during the break, help your child think up some seasonal math stories and draw a picture and/or write a number sentence that shows the math. Choose numbers that seem appropriate for your child. Some of the language we have been using is "how many all together" for addition and "how many more that" for subtraction. Here's an example: There were 9 zebras and 15 giraffes grazing on the savannah. How many more giraffes are there than zebras?

We will jump right into our Penguin math and science unit when we return in January. Be prepared to learn more about penguins that you ever thought possible! Story problems and measurement are the big math focal points in this unit.

Make sure your child continues to bring a healthy snack everyday and we will look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Party!

Susan McNeil