



Brown International Elementary School

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Friday, December 7, 2007

Calendar Reminders!



December 10-20 th	Santa Store Small gifts for sale Daily 3:45 - 4:15 pm Room 117
December 13 th	Winter Arts Extravaganza Art, Music, Dance 5:30 - 6:30 pm Auditorium
December 14 th	Santa Photos Bring cash (\$3 or \$5) to pre-pay for Dec. 21 st pickup
December 14 th	PTO Meeting Christmas breakfast 9:00 - 10:00 am Community Room
December 11-18 th	Book Sale New books/accessories Daily 9:00-12:00, 3:30-4:30 Library
December 20 th	Reading is Fundamental (RIF) A free book for every child Library
December 21 st	Santa Photo pick-up LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
December 24 th January 7 th	WINTER BREAK!
January 8 th	SCHOOL RESUMES

From The Office -

Sheri Niko
Sheryl Frausto

Please remember when your child is sick or for any other reason, cannot come to school, to call the attendance line instead of the office.

This is a 24 hour line where you can leave a message regarding the absence and it will be recorded in your child's attendance records.

Attendance Line - **720-424-9303**

Remember!

1st Round School of Choice begins
January 8th thru Jan. 31st.
Pick up your form in the office.

All Day Kindergarten and ECE
Applications for 2008/2009 will also be
available in the office.

Please do not wait to apply because these slots fill up quickly. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 303-477-1611.

ECE News - Room 110

Ms. Anita Eson

Mrs. Anna Archuleta

We recently changed the format of our letter home on Friday's so that families are able to work with their children at home during the following week. The positive part of writing the letter in this way allows families to work together with the teacher to reinforce the different skills being worked on during that particular week while the children are learning them at school.

Our afternoon class has done their handprints in paint and dictated to me all the things we are able to do with our hands. Be sure to look for this fabulous piece of work right outside the ECE door. Our afternoon class has just started on their footprints this week and we shall soon hear how the afternoon class uses their feet.

Students during the morning and afternoon classes are beginning to understand the significance of cooperation and appreciation, two of our school's attributes. Our class has two cooperation crowns and one appreciation crown, which students are given to wear when they have shown one of these attributes. We soon will have an attribute board with the pictures of the children who have worn the crowns thus far, as soon as I figure out how to send the pictures to my email!

Kindergarten News -

Ms. Danielle Paille, Room 108

Mrs. Meg Torres, Room 109

Mrs. Jessica Frazier, Room 107

The kindergarten rooms have been busy exploring the concept of celebrations and traditions. We have discussed a variety of types of celebrations and possible reasons for them. We have discovered that most celebrations are happy occasions - but some are a bit more poignant. This hit home when one of our classrooms' para-professionals accepted another job and the children were called upon to plan a going away and thank-you celebration for her. An authentic learning experience, but a poignant one nonetheless. We are investigating celebrations that are familiar and comfortable for us as well as some less culturally familiar to us.

The children are looking forward to performing for you on Thursday, December 13th for the all-school Arts Extravaganza. Permission slips were sent home last week. Please return your child's if he/she is planning to participate. We hope you all can make it to enjoy the different performances.

First Grade News -

Ms. Bobbi Shanahan, Room 105

Mrs. Sarah Bernauer, Room 104

Mrs. Lauren Liebman, Room 106

Ms. Hilary Moseley, Room 106

First graders have started their new IB Unit of Inquiry, "It's my Job". We are inquiring about all of the different jobs and careers that we can find in our neighborhood and beyond. We are reading about all the things that firefighters do, and will be walking to the fire station for a field trip. We also plan to visit the local Safeway to see all the jobs there, and we'll have guest speakers talking about their jobs.

Our final project will be to write and illustrate a book about all the jobs we have learned about!

Second Grade News -

Mrs. Diane Guerrero-Even, Room 112

Ms. Heidi Hokenson, Room 111

Happy Holidays from Second Grade!

We have started our new Unit of Inquiry of Everybody Dance Now. The children were able to watch the documentary, Red, Hot, Ballroom. This documentary showed New York City inner city fifth graders learning to ballroom dance. By the end of the movie, we had students trying to ballroom dance. It was pretty cool! During this unit, the children will be creating a dance that shows a personal narrative. We are pretty excited to see these performances. Don't worry - we will invite our families to see them too! Next week, we will be going on our first field trip to see the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company in Granny Dances to a Holiday Drum. We are really excited and can't wait to see the performance. We wish everyone a wonderful holiday!