



The Bottlenose Beat

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We had a sock
hoppin' celebration
of the 50th day of
school!

December Learning Highlights

Science and Social Studies

- Investigating how animals survive cold winter months, focusing on hibernation, migration and adaptation
- Differentiating between wants versus needs in the context of wish and shopping lists
- Describing methods in which humans meet their need for fun through comparing and contrasting holiday traditions around the globe
- Learning about the four seasons and why they change throughout the year

Math

- Practicing writing, composing and decomposing numbers up to 20
- Counting to 100 by 1's, 5's and 10's
- Practicing composing and decomposing numerals using partner numbers

Reading Comprehension & Phonemic Awareness

- Using strategies such as noticing how the pictures change in order to read emergent level 'pattern books'
- Listening for repeat, rhythm and rhyme in books
- Spending extra time on the last (sometimes tricky!) page to think about what books are about

Writer's Workshop

- Writing true stories that readers truly want to read
- Using sentences to tell a story
- Utilizing vowel charts to identify and write middle sounds in words



CSA Canned Food Drive

The Gleaners food drive begins this month. The Bottlenose classroom aims to collect 200 boxed or canned items for donation. Can you help us accomplish this task?

Upcoming Important Dates

- December 2nd - Morning Announcements in Bottlenose (make sure your child is on time for school to participate in this exciting experience!)
- December 5th - Hibernation Celebration (**Kindergarten students may wear pajamas on this day**)
- December 8th - Santa's Secret Shop at 2:00pm
- December 12th - **Ugly Christmas Sweater & CSA Spirit Wear Day** (uniform bottoms required)
- December 15th - Christmas Concert Rehearsal
- December 16th - Kindergarten Christmas Concert at 2:00pm in the gym (**students should dress in formal Christmas attire**)
- December 19th - Yearbook Cover Contest Concludes; Christmas Party (**Christmas Spirit Wear Day**)
- December 22nd - January 2nd - Christmas Break
- January 5th - School Resumes

Christmas Concert

We will kick off the holiday season with our Kindergarten Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 16th at 2:00pm. The invitation is extended to all family members, friends, and loved ones; I suggest arriving early to grab a seat in the gym! **Students should dress in formal Christmas attire avoiding distracting headpieces or accessories to keep the focus on their first school performance.** Following the concert, you are welcome to visit with your child in the classroom and/or take them home for the day.



Santa's Secret Shop

Bottlenose students will head to Santa's Secret Shop on Monday, December 8th at 2:00pm. This optional experience gives children the opportunity to pick out gifts priced between \$1 - \$5 for parents, siblings, and others without them being present. Please see the flyer sent home in your child's Tuesday folder for more information. If you are choosing to partake in this activity, return the provided envelope with a list of gift recipients and an approximate "budget" for each person.

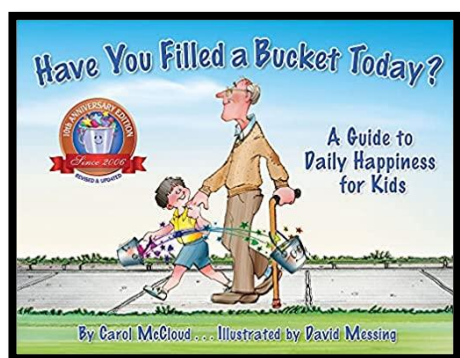


Christmas Party

Our classroom Christmas party will take place on Friday, December 19th. Students may wear fun and festive attire on this day! A SignUpGenius for food items, station volunteers, and decoration help after school on Thursday will be sent out via email as this date approaches. If you prefer, you may instead send in a \$3-5 donation to help cover the cost of supplies and materials needed to help make this celebration a success. Thank you in advance for your support!

DECEMBER CHARACTER

CORNER ★ respect ★ responsibility ★ optimism ★
work ethic ★ getting along ★ kindness ★



WE ARE BUCKET FILLERS

This month we will read the book *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* and discuss what it means to be a 'bucket filler'. A bucket filler is someone who says or does nice things for other people. In doing so, they are filling other people's buckets and fill their own at the same time! We will talk about the habits of bucket fillers and tie them into William Glasser's 7 caring habits and the CSA character traits of kindness and getting along.

GENEROSITY

We will be visited by Generosity the gingerbread man in December! His arrival will lead our discussion of what it means to be generous, how it helps us demonstrate kindness and empathy, and contributes to the common good of our classroom and community. Ask your child ways he or she can be generous to others!

