



Mr. Devold's Class

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Cold Weather



The kids don't believe me for some odd reason, but, cold weather season is upon us. So far fall has been surprisingly warm and snow free, but snow is just around the corner...

I am sure of it. With that in mind, I would like to request that students begin to bring hats, gloves warmer coats and boots. (Snow pants are only required for the sledding hill, and outdoor field trips like Alyeska so investment in this would be good too.)

My current practice for student recess is if it is under 32 degrees Fahrenheit, students must have on a warm "Winter" jacket, hat and gloves before they leave the room. They may take them off when they get outside, but they have them if they need them. Students are not let back into the building after they go outside, so they need to be prepared. Plus we are people who chose to live in Alaska, We all should have proper gear for our environment.

Our class has talked about it and will continue to discuss it in class so it is not a surprise to the students in this class. Please help by making sure your student has these required outdoor items.

Secret Santa



The Kids are already talking about Secret Santa a bit, so I think I better put some information out.

In about a month, students will be participating in secret Santa activities which will require them to do something nice each day for their secret buddy. The acts of kindness will lead to a culminating activity on Thursday where we will unveil our secret Santa's and have a holiday celebration. Traditionally students have surprised their buddy with a personal message, drink, and snack; giving one each day from Monday -Wednesday. Thursday we unveil the secret Santa's by having a gift exchange. The gifts should not be more than \$10.

Special points of interest:

- November 26—Early Release Day & BUNCO DAY in class.
- November 27th & 28—Thanksgiving—NO SCHOOL
- December 8-9—Santa's Secret Shop provided in library (Opt-in participation only)
- December 17th—FINALIZED—Challenger Center Mission for 5th & 6th Grade. 4th Grade to FAA & Airport
- December 19th—End of 2nd Quarter - NO SCHOOL
- December 22nd-January 2nd—Christmas Break
- January 5-8—I-Safe Instruction
- January 13—1st day for Community group Field Trips to Senior Center, Food Bank, and Riverside.

Upcoming Challenger Center/FAA Field Trip

On December 17th, our class will be traveling to Kenai, although we will not all travel at the same time nor to the same locations. Confusing??? Try planning this with three classes!

Here is the low-down:

- 1) All 5th and 6th graders will be participating in a 1/2 day mission at the Challenger Center.
- 2) All 4th graders will be participating in a 1/2 day field trip to the FAA (Flight Services) and airport.
- 3) All students will be transported by bus to and from Kenai.
- 4) ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BRING A COLD LUNCH ON THIS DAY.
- 5) 5th grade will travel to Kenai in the morning with 1/2 of the 4th graders. (5th grade will complete their Moon

- mission at the Challenger Center, while the 4th graders will complete their FAA visit.)
- 6) 6th grade will travel to Kenai in the afternoon with the other 1/2 of the 4th graders. (6th grade will complete their Moon mission at the Challenger Center, while the 4th graders will complete their FAA visit.)
- 7) Mr. Faris will travel with the 4th graders, I will be the teacher travelling with the 5th graders, and Mrs. Carter will accompany the 6th graders.

Now you have the basic flow of the day. If you need additional information about the trip, just let me know. As far as parent help, 4th grade may be in need of additional eyes and adults. As for 5th & 6th grade, I'm not even allowed to help., and these kids are very capable, so if you want to join us, great, but you will end up being an alien like me.