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From Ms. Palesty's Desk...

"It's the most wonderful time of the year..."

Once again we find ourselves immersed in the Holiday Season.... That very special time of the year where we join with our loved ones in giving thanks for all the joys and happiness we have been blessed with, as well as sharing in holiday traditions that bring family and friends together.

May this holiday end 2017 on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright new year. Wishing all of the PS 88 family and community a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy and Healthy 2018.

Special Events in December

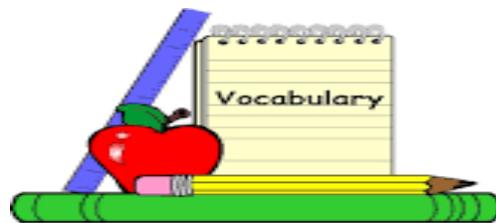
- Saturday Program: December, 2nd, 9th, & 16th
- ENL Monthly Parent Engagement: Tuesday, December 19th
- Winter Break: December 23rd- January 2nd

Vocabulary and Oral Language

For English language learners, vocabulary development is especially important. Knowing vocabulary words is key to reading comprehension. The more words a child knows the better he or she will understand the text. When introducing new vocabulary, remember that students need to hear, see, say and do to cement the words into their oral vocabulary.

1. Say the word, for students to hear & repeat the word slowly.
2. Write or display the word, and show a visual clue.
3. Have students say the word with you.
4. Say the word, emphasizing the sound parts or syllables.
5. Provide a simple, meaningful definition of the word.
6. Use examples to clarify the meaning.
7. Use the word in a sentence that supports the meaning.
8. Provide multiple examples and practice activities to apply meaning of the word.

- Walking, walking, walking
- Walk/ing
- Walk (clap)ing (clap)
- "Walking" means moving your feet to go places.
- I am walking to school in the morning with my mom.



Websites of the Month

- Manythings.org
- Starfall
- LearnENGLISH Kids
- English Interactive
- Kids-pages.com

Did you know.....?

There are many winter holidays around the world, here are some:

- **Hanukkah:** For eight days each November or December, Jews light a special candle holder called a menorah.
- **St. Lucia Day:** To honor this third-century saint on December 13, many girls in Sweden dress up as "Lucia Brides" in long white gowns with red sashes and a wreath of burning candles on their heads.
- **Christmas:** People celebrate this Christian holiday by going to church, giving gifts, and sharing the day with their families.
- **Kwanzaa:** The word means "First Fruits", it is based on ancient African harvest festivals and celebrates ideals such as family life and unity.



PARENT CORNER: Winter Break

As we are approaching our winter break, P.S. 88 would like to remind all of our students and families how important it is to spend time at home each day reading. At P.S. 88, we make sure that students spend a significant portion of their school day reading both informational and literary text. In addition to the time that our students spend reading in school, we believe that it is important that they spend time reading outside of school every day as well. You can encourage this in your household by:

1. Reading a book together as a family.
2. Log on to Raz Kids.
3. Access book baggies.
4. Turn reading into a regular activity.

