

# 2024 DECEMBER

Dear IB Parents,

The Christmas season is here! This is such a wonderful time of year where we focus on God's amazing gift to us - the birth of Jesus! We will be learning about different Christmas traditions in Social Studies and many Christmas crafts will be coming home. I hope you enjoy talking to your child about the traditions we are learning and discussing at school!



Buddy Books - The goal is for these books to be read each night and then exchanged daily. Having your child reread familiar books is very helpful for fluency but if it feels like the book is memorized and recited rather than read, please have them get new books during the week.

Parent/Teacher Interviews Report cards will be online on November 29 and interviews will be on December 3 and 5. Thank you to those who have already signed up! I am looking forward to chat with you about how your son or daughter is doing.

Club Reading Thank you for continuing to read and sign the club reading forms. Whether you are on Club 25, 50, or 75, just keep reading!!

Parent Helpers Please check the monthly calendar that was sent home to see if you are a parent helper this month. The time frame is listed on the top of the calendar. The giving of your time is so appreciated! You never know what jobs might be waiting for you but rest assured, it is a huge blessing to me and our class!



## Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas concert is going to be on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. It will take place at Sherwood Park Alliance Church in the sanctuary. There will be two concerts. The first one will feature Grades 1-3. The second one will feature Grades 4-6. More information to come from the main office. If you already know that your child will not be at the Christmas concert, please let me know. \*\*NOTE: the kids will be wearing hats for the concert (provided by the school) so please style hair accordingly!



**Water Bottles** I realize that I sound like a broken record but please do check that your child has a water bottle. It is so much easier to keep the students hydrated when they have it handy. Having the sip type also decreases spills.

**Toys/Cards** I know that some kids have a long bus ride and bring toys, etc. to help pass that time. If you could please remind your child that those toys, etc. should stay inside their backpacks during the school day, that would really help us out. Toys, Pokemon cards, etc. can cause issues at recess. Thank you so much for your help with this!



Thank you for reading this newsletter. If you have made it this far, please print the secret phrase (Jesus Christ is born!) on a piece of paper along with your child's name. Put it in your child's take home folder so he or she can hand it in by Friday, December 6.

I hope and pray that this Christmas season is filled with love and joy! Thank you so much for sharing your precious children with me. I pray that they will bless you this holiday! May each day bring reminders of God's love and sacrifice for all of us!



## Merry Christmas!!

Mrs. Christensen