



Dear Parents,

Vacation time during the winter months usually centers around various holiday activities. Families are often busy with many different activities – visiting friends, shopping, exchanging gifts, and attending celebrations. Even though this is a very busy time of year, it is also important for parents and children to plan some time to relax and share thoughts and books with each other. Make the holiday time a family reading time, too. Help your child understand that reading is not only related to school activities, but is also a vital part of all family activities. Here are some ideas:

1. Reading is like a muscle, the more you use it the stronger it gets. Please have your child practice his/her reading muscle over the holidays.
2. Take some time each day to have family discussions. Talk about favorite books, read memorable stories, or just “made-up” stories to share with each other. Holiday stories can be included.
3. Help your child make up a scrapbook of words that go with the holiday season. Ask your child to draw illustrations or use the words in different sentences.
4. Locate copies of songs or poems that relate to this time of year. Share these with your child and discuss what some of the words or ideas mean.
5. If you are preparing any special meals, give your child an opportunity to help you. He/she can read recipes to you or help in meal preparation.
6. With your child as a major character, encourage him or her to make up a special holiday story. Write or type the story for your child and share it with neighbors or friends.

The Title I staff would like to wish you and your family a healthy and happy holiday season. We look forward to working with your child in the new year.

