



# HOGAN CEDARS

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Hogan Cedars Families,

I hope this message finds you well and filled with holiday cheer! As we enter the month of December, it's hard not to get caught up in the excitement of the upcoming festivities. However, let's not forget about our little Hawks who are still buzzing with schoolwork and assignments.

While it's important to embrace the holiday spirit, let's also encourage our students to stay focused on their studies until December 19th. By including reading and homework time in your holiday plans, you'll set them up for success when they return from their well-deserved break.

Now, I know that this time of year can also bring about some stress when finding the perfect gifts for your loved ones. I have a few gift ideas that won't break the bank. This holiday season, why not give your child and family the gift of time? Take a day off from shopping and enjoy a relaxing picnic at a nearby park. Explore nature together on a peaceful walk or visit your local library for some quality reading time.

Another great idea is to have a family meal together - no distractions allowed! Put away those phones and gadgets and truly connect over good food and conversation. And remember classic board games! A night in with the family playing Monopoly or Scrabble can create memories that will last a lifetime.

Remember, it's not about how much money you spend but rather how much quality time you invest in each other. Your presence is what matters most during this special season. So make it your goal to spend an evening, day, or even an entire weekend dedicated solely to bonding with your children.

Whether it's reading stories together by the fireplace or decorating cookies as a team, these moments will be cherished forever by both you and your child. The true essence of giving lies within these precious memories created through love and connection.

On behalf of the entire Hogan Cedars community, I would like to extend warm holiday wishes to all our families. May this season be filled with joy, love, and laughter. Here's to a prosperous new year for all!

Your Partner in Education,

Heidi Blakley  
Principal