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DATES TO REMEMBER

DEC 23 - JAN 6
Winter Break

JAN 17
Report Cards & NWEA
Results Go Home

JAN 20
MLK Day



Ms. Stevenson's Scoop

Thank you to everyone who attended the Kindergarten & 1st Grade Art Show and Music Program last night. We had a great turnout.

Today, we recognized our students that have been demonstrating the character trait of caring.

We have such caring students at KES!

Middle of the year NWEA also wrapped up today. Scores will go home with report cards in January.

I celebrated many students this week for already meeting their end of the year goal!

They were invited to my office to get a certificate and piece of candy. I love recognizing students for their hard work.

Have a safe and happy break, Panther families!
-Ms. Stevenson





Helping Your Child Prepare for Middle of the Year NWEA Testing

One of the best ways you can support your child is by making basic reading and math time a priority and establishing routines.

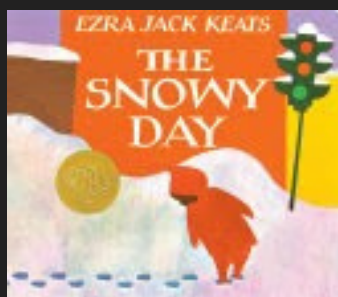
- **Encourage independent reading:** Help your child find books they enjoy and encourage them to read on their own. This helps improve reading comprehension and vocabulary.
- **Practice basic math problems:** Use flashcards or apps to practice addition, subtraction, and simple multiplication.
- **Introduce keyboard skills:** If your child isn't yet familiar with typing, now is a good time to start teaching them.
- **Ensure a good night's sleep:** Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before the test. This helps ensure they are alert and ready to focus.
- **Provide a healthy breakfast:** A healthy, balanced breakfast can give your child the energy they need to concentrate during the test.
- **Positive reinforcement:** Encourage your child to do their best but don't put too much pressure on them. Let them know that this test is just one measure of their abilities.

Tips for Reading with Your Child...

Encourage your child to:

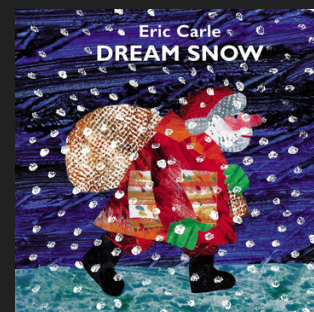
- Set aside a special reading time each day.
- Choose a cozy, well-lit spot where you can read together without distractions.
- Ask open-ended questions about the story to engage your child's imagination.

Favorite December Picture Books



The Snowy Day
by Ezra Jack Keats

The Snowy Day, with its vivid, contemporary illustrations and text, has become one of the most beloved and iconic American children's books. Join Peter in his red snowsuit as he ventures through the snow.



Dream Snow
by Eric Carle

It's December 24th, and the old farmer settles down for a winter's nap, wondering how Christmas can come when there is no snow! It is in his dream that he imagines a snowstorm coming.

Tech Tidbits

[Storyline Online](#)

Grade range: 1 to 6.

Cost: Free educational content



A children's literacy website, Storyline Online®, streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations. Readers include Oprah Winfrey, Chris Pine, Rosario Dawson, Viola Davis, Terry Crews, Connie Britton, John Lithgow, Jennifer Garner, Betty White, and dozens more.

December Reading Strategies

- **Story Retelling:** Encourage your child to retell their favorite holiday stories. This strengthens comprehension and narrative skills.
- **Word Hunt:** Create a list of holiday-related words and have a word hunt around your home. This fun activity promotes vocabulary development.
- **Writing Letters:** Have your child write letters to their favorite book characters. This encourages creativity and personal expression.



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