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STEVE LUTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2026

Mark Your Calendar!

11/11
Veterans Day – No School

11/13
Trimester 1 Awards Assemblies

11/23-11/27
Thanksgiving Week – No School

12/4 Cocoa & Crafts Family Night

12/7 Early Release Day

12/7 – 12/11
Holiday Shop

12/8 PTA Mtg. 6:30 p.m.

12/11 Flag Ceremony

12/18 Early Release Day

12/21 – 1/8 Winer Break

Questions?

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Dear Luther Families,

As we welcome the exciting months of November and December, our school is filled with opportunities to learn, grow, celebrate, and make wonderful memories together! This is a special time of year when we reflect on our accomplishments, express gratitude for one another, and look forward to all the amazing things still to come.

It is hard to believe how quickly the school year is moving! Our students continue to impress us with their curiosity, creativity, determination, and kindness. Every day, I am reminded of what makes our school community so special: the dedication of our staff, the partnership of our families, and the enthusiasm our students bring to learning.

November: A Time for Gratitude and Growth

November invites us to slow down, appreciate the people around us, and recognize the many reasons we have to be thankful. In our classrooms, students will continue building important academic skills, challenging themselves to reach new goals, and discovering new ways to shine.

This month, let's make gratitude a daily habit! A kind word, a helping hand, a thoughtful note, or a simple "thank you" can make a tremendous difference. We encourage our students to practice kindness, celebrate one another's successes, and remember that even the smallest acts of generosity can have a big impact.

I am especially grateful for our incredible teachers and staff who work tirelessly to create meaningful learning experiences, our families who support and encourage our students, and our students who fill our school with energy, laughter, and possibility. A special thank-you to our Luther PTA, volunteers, and families for your continued trust, support, and partnership; your involvement and commitment make our school community stronger, and we are truly grateful to have you as part of the Luther family!

December: Celebrating Success and Spreading Joy

December brings a wonderful sense of excitement as we celebrate our progress and prepare to welcome the new year! It is a time to recognize how far we have come, reflect on the goals we have achieved, and continue creating positive experiences for every student.

Throughout the month, we will focus on celebrating learning, strengthening friendships, showing compassion, and building a school culture where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and supported. Let's fill this season with kindness, joy, school spirit, and meaningful connections! Whether through classroom activities, school celebrations, acts of service, or everyday moments of encouragement, we can all help make these final weeks of the calendar year memorable.

Let's continue celebrating our students' achievements, big and small, and reminding them that they are capable of amazing things.

Wishing you a wonderful November, a joyful December, and a bright start to the new year!

Sincerely,

Helen Chung

Principal

Making the Most of the Break Together

1. Family Game or Movie Night
Host a cozy family game or movie night! Set up a themed night with everyone's favorite board games or a movie marathon. Popcorn, hot cocoa, and cozy blankets make it extra special.

2. Baking & Cooking Together
Get the whole family involved in baking festive treats or cooking a meal together. Try recipes that allow kids to help with measuring, mixing, and decorating.

3. Nature Walks & Outdoor Exploration
Bundle up for a winter walk or outdoor adventure! Parks, trails, and even a simple stroll around the neighborhood can be great for fresh air and quality time. Try a family scavenger hunt by looking for winter birds, pinecones, or interesting leaves.

4. Family Art Projects
Set up a family art station for crafting homemade decorations or gifts, such as holiday cards, ornaments, or simple DIY projects. These make great keepsakes and gifts for loved ones!

5. A Day of Giving Back
Find ways to volunteer together, like donating toys, packing food at a food bank, or making cards for a nursing home. These experiences can be meaningful and teach kids the value of giving.

6. Family Story Time
Create a cozy reading nook, and take turns reading favorite holiday stories, or start a new book series as a family. This can also include storytelling, where each family member adds a part to a made-up story.

7. Plan a Family "Staycation" Day
Create a "staycation" day at home by setting up fun activities like a mini spa day, an indoor camping experience, or a family talent show. Let the kids help plan the day's events!

8. Gratitude Jar or Family Journal
Set up a "gratitude jar" or family journal where everyone can write down things they're grateful for or their favorite moments of the day. Share these notes as a family to reflect on the positive memories.