



TURTLE TIDBITS

DECEMBER 2017

The Turtle Classroom filled the pom pom jar!! Students have worked very hard to be kind to each other and use their manners. We will have our Pajama days Wednesday 12/20 and Thursday 12/21. Please send your child with sneakers and their regular snow clothes on these days - no slippers please. We will have pancakes for snack to help celebrate this accomplishment!

On Friday we will finish our Nursery Rhyme and Fairy Tale theme. Students enjoyed listening to non-traditional versions of The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Gingerbread Man. Please ask your child to retell one of these favorite stories.

Today Loker School fourth and fifth grade chorus came to sign some winter songs.

The week we come back, we are doing “Children’s Choice” Activities. Each student was able to pick a table/rug/loft/sensory or writing center activity. These are spread out over the week so that 4 or 5 choices per day are those chosen by the children! Each child also gets to pick a “song” to sing on their day! We find the children are very engaged in these activities, and put great thought into the song that they choose.

We would like to reiterate that temperature cutoff for outside play is that it must **FEEL LIKE AT LEAST 25 DEGREES!** This can be checked on The Weather Channel before coming to school. This “Feels Like” number considers wind chill factor as well as temperature. Please keep in mind that we will keep the “feels like” **18 degree** (state regulations) cutoff for outdoor playground time before lunch from 11:45-12:15 so winter gear is still required!

The Turtle team would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of the families who contributed to the Amazon Gift Cards for the entire staff, and we would be remiss if we did not mention our appreciation of the wonderful Hot Chocolate Bar sponsored by the TCW TPO as well. We feel very blessed to have such supportive families AND to work with your children! Happy 2018!

Ali, Carrie, Margot, Mary and Niki