



AROUND THE WORLD IN 180 DAYS
THE VIRTUAL LEARNING ADVENTURE

The Connection

Your Travel Guide for the Journey!

Monday, December 15, 2008

Winter Break
December 22-January 2
No School for Students!

Have a safe and happy break! See everyone on Monday, January 5 for the next leg of our journey around the world in 180 days!

Chets Creek Dates Plan Ahead!

Monday, January 5	PTA Board Meets 5:00 PM
Monday, January 5	SAC Meets 6:30 PM
Wednesday, January 7	Early Dismissal 2:15
Monday, January 12	Volunteer Orientation 10&7
Monday, January 12	Chik-fil-A Spirit Night 6-8
Thursday, January 15	Tech Coffee Talk 8:30 AM
Thursday, January 15	2nd Grading Period Ends
Friday, January 16	NO SCHOOL—Planning
Monday, January 19	NO SCHOOL—Holiday



Message from the Lead Adventurer

As we enter our Holiday Break and the year comes to an end, I want to thank each and every one of you for supporting our work. The overwhelming positive response, parent support, community involvement and endless encouragement that we receive on a daily basis helps to keep us focused upon our single mission of providing our children with the absolute best all around education possible. Please know that each moment you spend with your child on his or her school work, each donation that you make of time or materials to our learning community, each word of praise or support that you pass on to your child's teacher, each school event that you attend and each random act of kindness that you commit to enhance our school is truly food for our soul and deeply appreciated. I look forward to going into 2009 well rested and ready to take even greater strides toward our children's future.

The journey continues...
Susan T. Phillips, Principal



Curriculum Connection: What is the December Book of the Month?

When Santa Turned Green is a new holiday story that introduces kids to the idea of environmental awareness and of the many ways we can all do our part to stop global warming. With all the preparations underway for Christmas Santa is amazed to find a leak in his roof, he is appalled to find that this leak is being caused by the fact that the North Pole is melting! Of course Santa quickly decides to tackle the task and reverse the warming of the polar ice cap by going to the world's children for help. And we all know that when a child believes miracles happen!

The children of Chets Creek are busy sharing their ideas for "going green" on a Google Document. We can't wait to share them with you via the web. Look for information on the launch of our Book of the Month Wiki soon!!!



PTA Travel Guide Tips

- It's not too late to bid on your favorite holiday item. Each class has decorated a holiday item for silent auction. There are wreaths, cards, decorated trees, aprons, calendars, and much more! The silent auction started on December 3rd and will be open through 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 16th. The money received for the item goes directly back to the classroom that created it! You do not have to be present to win, but you will need to make arrangements to pay for and pick up the item by noon on Friday, December 19th since that is the last day of school before winter break!
- Chets Creek PTA thanks you for your generous donations to our Giving Tree Program. The generosity of our community is always heart warming, and PTA has been able to help four families have a happier holiday season. We also easily met and exceeded the challenge to collect 1000 cans from our partner BJ's. As a result we will also be able to donate to a local food bank.