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Snow

By: Victoria Gonzalez

Falling, falling, falling
Not one is the same,
Snowflakes

Snowmen, snow forts
Snowball fights,
Snow

Stampeding inside
Snowy boots, wet coats,
Hot chocolate

Saying good night
Falling asleep fast
Thinking of tomorrow

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Excellent Craft Ideas for the Holidays!

By: Kishan Patel

There are many crafts you can make over the holidays, like a Santa Claus Ornament made out of red construction paper, cotton, glue and a piece of white yarn. All you have to do is to cut a triangle from a 4 by 4 square red construction paper. After that, roll it up into a pyramid. Then you have to glue cotton onto the bottom of the triangle to make Santa's beard. Then use a ball of cotton to make the pompom of his hat and then glue it. Get a long strip of cotton and glue it across the middle to make his mark of the bottom of the hat. Then use three balls of cotton to make his eyes and nose and glue them under the mark of his hat. When you're done, just glue the piece of yarn to the back of the Santa Ornament. Another craft is to make a Hanukkah card. All you have to do is to draw a Menorah on a piece of white paper. Make sure you draw the candles lit. Then on a piece of construction paper, fold it horizontally. Then glue on the Menorah onto the cover of the card. When you're done, you can write something inside the card. So these are some ways you can make wonderful crafts over the holidays. Hope you have a great winter break and Happy Holidays!



Hanukkah
by Zachery Avenarius

It will begin at sundown on December 11, 2009. Hanukkah is a Jewish celebration to commemorate the military victory of the Jewish Maccabees over the Greek-Syrians. Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days. A Menorah is lit one at a time for eight nights. On the last day of Hanukkah all the candles are therefore lit. While the candles are being lit chants are sung and blessings are said. Afterward, families can sit down to eat prepared food, play games and/or exchange gifts.

Fun Facts:

1. Giving of gifts: children received money, or gelt, in order to learn about charity. Small gift giving each night has become more popular in more recent times.
2. Dreidels is a popular game that kids play. It looks just like a top with four sides that you can spin.
3. Family celebration: Hanukkah is about family. It is the time of year when you and your family come together to share food, games, blessings, music, and gifts.

For Hanukkah

By Victoria Gonzalez

Picking out clothes
Getting dressed up
For Hanukkah

Lighting the menorah
The room is set aglow
For Hanukkah

Playing dreidel
Sharing stories
During Hanukkah

Everybody's moving around
Laughing and giving presents
And thinking
Of the next day of Hanukkah



History of Kwanzaa

By: Krishna Suresh

Kwanzaa is an African-American holiday. They practice Kwanzaa from their backgrounds and religious related things. Kwanzaa is a seven day celebration. It begins on December 26 and goes until January 1. There are special steps that African-Americans do Kwanzaa. The first time it was celebrated was on December 26, 1966. It was Maulana Karenga who was disturbed by the 1965 riots in Los Angeles Watts area. That's when Maulana Karenga thought that the African Americans needed an event that they can celebrate. It happened because there was a struggle for freedom of their identity reaching the American history. America one time just ignored the concerns of the African-Americans. Then Kwanzaa's development began. Now, today Kwanzaa is recognized and practiced by millions throughout America. Kwanzaa is a celebration everybody can do but mostly done by African-Americans. Everybody can practice and celebrate this celebration because you do it because you want to practice the culture. Kwanzaa is a spiritual and joyous celebration. One fact is that Kwanzaa means "first fruits of the harvest" in the African language it is called Kiswahili. That is how Kwanzaa came to how it was supposed to be. Now America and African-Americans are happy. African-Americans are happy to have an event from them that people will know about, they can celebrate it now. That is how Kwanzaa came to be in notice by America and is now celebrated like said before, by millions of people. Kwanzaa is now like Christmas and Thanksgiving. That's the history of Kwanzaa.



OBL Grade News!



1st

First Grade News By: Jessica Hewitt

The first graders are learning in math story problems. Adding games in math, too. In reading they are learning about sequencing, plus contractions. The first graders in writing are learning about good beginnings. Social studies they are learning about Colonial Times. Also they have a field trip to the Halgley Museum. They will go to the Halgley museum on the 12/13-12/14-12/15 they will go then.

Second Grade News By Paige Ward

Writing-In writing they are working on good beginnings.

Science- In science they are working on hot and cold.

Social studies- In social studies they are working on maps and transportation.

Reading-In reading they are working on the story The Brennan Town Musicians.

Have fun learning everyone!

2nd

3rd

3rd grade news By: Mackenzie Beshel

The 3rd graders have been doing a lot of different things and they've been learning a lot of different things. They are working on using fancy words. The third graders are also working on Geography. 3rd graders are also going to be doing Holidays Around the World in December. In math they are doing addition and subtraction. The third grade classes are doing all different things in reading and they are reading different Lit. Circle books. Ms. Hamm's class is researching all different animals. They have been working on all different subjects and they are also working in social studies. Some classes are doing the same things although not all of them. Some classes might also be doing writing prompts although not all of them. So that is all of your 3rd grade news!

4th grade News By: Paige Ward

Math- The 4th grade is doing multiplication and word problems in math class!

Reading-In reading they are working on Main Idea and supporting important details.

Science-The 4th grade classes are experimenting with plants and crayfish.

Writing –The students are learning to write descriptive words and using vivid verbs.

Social studies-The 4th graders are researching famous explorers in Social Studies!

4th

5th!

5th Grade News By: Jourdan Lobban

The fifth graders are doing main idea in reading. In language, they are doing vocabulary which is putting prefixes, root words and suffixes together. In sometime of the year, the 5th graders are going to Junior Achievement in Biztown. It is where they will play every day jobs and decide what they want to be when they grow up (hope they make a good choice!). Multiplication, Division and Volume are what they are doing in Math; for example: $405 \times 7 = 2,835$. For the best of all 5th graders are working with mixtures and solutions in Science. Well that's the 5th grade news!

December Jokes

By Kyle Quarles



1. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

~Frosted Flakes!~

2. What does a cat on the beach have in common with Christmas?

~Sandy Claws!~

3. What do you call an old snowman?

~Water!~

4. What goes ho-ho whoosh, ho-ho whoosh?

~Santa caught in a revolving door!~

5. Why is it always cold at Christmas?

~Because it's in Decemberrrrr!~

6. What Christmas carol is a favorite of parents?

~Silent Night!~

7. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

~Frostbite!~

8. Where do snowmen go to dance?

~A snow ball!~

9. What do monkeys sing at Christmas?

~Jungle bells, jungle bells!~



1st and 2nd grade concert

By: Jasmine M.

I heard that the first and second grade concert happened! They did it on the holidays in December. For example Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza. In the concert their voices were loud! They all remembered their speaking solos. They did really good! They had some beautiful decorations. They sang songs like Paint the Town December, Nes Gadol Haya Sham, Kwanzaa Call, The Light of Kwanza, Rockin on the housetop, Sheppard Boy, The Colors of Las Posadas and Hearts Around the World. Thank you 1st and 2nd graders for a great concert!

Night Owls

By Katie Wade



Night Owls was a blast! Everybody had a fantastic time. In the beginning we had pizza and talked to all of our friends. You were separated by your age group. After that everybody went and did different things. The little ones did crafts. They made ginger bread men and snowmen. The older kids played a few games in the gym. They played octopus and silent speed ball. After about an hour they went and separated in to different movies. The movie they could select from were UP, Ice Age Dawn of the Dinosaurs, Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure, and Night At The Museum Battle of the Smithsonian. The most popular choice was the Battle of the Smithsonian. You got to watch the movie until your parent came to pick you up. It was a super awesome time. Maybe next time you would like to come.

New Years Eve!

By Brennan Heeney

2010!

Presents are open when the Holidays are done but the fun doesn't stop it's just begun! I'm talking about New Years! The beginning of a new year must shine so sprinkle a little joy to you're heart, but it's not about giving it's about the fun.

People celebrate New Years different ways. One way is to get all of you're family together. Another way is what I always do; I stay up to midnight and watch the famous ball in New York City drop! Now I've haven't been telling you about the exciting part, the fireworks! "Boom! Crash! Bang!" Fireworks red, green, yellow, white and purple and more colors!

After New Years everyone will have the spirit and new resolutions! Now you learned that it's not like the Chinese New Year or any other celebration! I can't wait until next year's fun!

Holiday foods

By: Sara Smiley

There are lots of foods for Christmas dinner.

Over all most people have different foods for the different holidays. One person that is Spanish Has pan de hamon. Another person that celebrates Christmas might have a meat as the main food.

For another person they would have

Mac and Cheese for there main dish.

So many people have different dishes for there Religion.



The Little Match Girl.

Retold by: Alivia Scott.

On New Years Eve a little girl can still be seen roaming the icy streets.

She had neither a coat on her body nor any hat on her head, but that morning she left with slippers that were much too big for her and one fell off while she ran out the way of an ongoing carriage and a little boy ran off with the other. The little boy said that it was so big it would make the perfect boat for his little toy soldier. The little girl peered into the windows of other peoples houses, she saw stuffing and pies and big platters of turkey. This made the little match girl even hungrier. The little girl walked on until she reached shelter between the two brick houses. She pulled her little feet under her for they were blue with cold but the cold seemed to seep into her very bones. She pulled out a packet of matches from her apron. She was afraid of going home, for she had not sold a single match that day nor did anyone give her as much as a copper and her father would probably beat her for that. She stared at her feet and thought "If I lit just one match I would be so much warmer"! When the little girl lit the match it burst into flames and there stood a big iron stove. The girl was so shocked she couldn't believe her eyes. Without thinking she reached out to the big stove, but just then the match went out and the big stove vanished. As quickly as she could the little girl lit another match once again it burst into flames but this time it looked as if she was looking through a wall at a turkey feast. There were pies, and cookies, stuffing as well and in the center there was the plumpiest, juiciest turkey she ever saw! Then the turkey jumped up off the table and started walking towards her with the knife still in its belly! But again the match went out and the turkey vanished. The girl was starving now, but she knew if she lit another match her father would make her sleep outside even though it was not much warmer inside than it was outside. But, her stomach got the best of her and so she *another* match but this time it was a Christmas tree! But it wasn't the kind you have in your house or in store windows. This tree was far more beautiful than any other tree the girl had ever seen.

This tree had angels which looked so real the little girl thought they were talking to her saying "hello....hellohello". Soon after about five minutes of staring the match went out and the Christmas tree vanished. The girl was heart broken, the tree was so beautiful! She lit ANOTHER match this time it was her Grandmother! She looked so radiant the little girl couldn't help cry out "Grandmother please don't leave me please, please grandmother don't leave me!"

Just then her Grandmother the one person who truly loved her vanished.

The little girl cried and cried. The she thought "maybe she'll come back if I light another match". So once again she did and you know what she came back! Just as radiant as before, then the little girl cried out "oh Grandmother take me with you I know when the match goes out you will disappear just like the stove, feast, and the tree, oh Grandmother please take me with you"! Then her Grandmother reached out her hand and she rose higher and higher to a place where there was no pain no suffering she rose all the way to Heaven. The next morning the little girl was still in corner but her cheeks were blue with cold for she had frozen to death in the night, as people walked by they saw the little girl and said "look! The little creature must have tried to warm herself with the matches!" But no one would know the wonders that the girl and her grandmother had seen that night nor would they know how they celebrated the new year.

The End.



Mid-Season Football

By: Nikhil Mehta

Did you know that it's been traditional that every year the Dallas Cowboys and the Detroit Lions play on Thanksgiving for the past three years? The Cowboys started playing on Thanksgiving in 1968. The Lions started in 1934. It's only been traditional since 2006, though. There is also a third game that changes every year. The third game this year was the Denver Broncos vs. the New York Giants. The Broncos won the game 26-6. The Cowboys played the Oakland Raiders and won 24-7. The Lions played the Green Bay Packers and lost 34-12. Maybe the Eagles can go ahead of the Cowboys, or at least win the NFC wild-card!

New Year's Resolutions!

By: Alayna Rivera



Have you ever heard of a resolution? If not, a resolution is a sort of promise you make to yourself to do better with something. My resolution is to clean my room once a week (like that's gonna happen). Our librarians resolution is to work out more. Mrs. Barnett's, a first grade teacher, resolution is to be more organized same for Mrs. Day. Mrs. Waktins is to read a book every day. A fourth grade person's resolution is to take care and play with their dog more often.



4th grade science project

By: Morgan Mayer

Yeah! Here come the fourth grade science project where kids can choose one plant that they love and write a poster about for their teacher and class. Then hang the poster out in the hallway. Kids in all the classes are proud of their projects. Teachers took off points even if your one day late with your poster in class. Lots of people are talking about their projects and most of the kids are doing the Venus Fly Trap because how it opens and closes its mouth so fast. And other people just did other plants.

Vacation Idea-The Great Wolf Lodge!



By: Megan Kelly

In the snowy, winter time most people love going to resorts and even vacations. Maybe you'll be one. You will need some good ideas on places to go, so here is some. The first place that is an awesome place to go The Great Wolf Lodge! The Great Wolf Lodge is really a hotel/indoor water park. At the top level go to a small store and that's the place that you can buy a MagiWand, a device that will let you explore around the lodge. Going through something else called MagiQuest. Making magic happen. Then go to the water park. At the water park you can find many activities, like going to the wave pool. Exploring the water playground is also something you can do. It has many games and one of those cool bucket dumps. Soon you'll have to leave and the adventurous lodge. If you keep the memory than you'll be sure to go back next year!

Hanukkah Word Scramble



1. uhahnkna _____
2. thzmaa _____
3. tlhgi _____
4. hejswi _____
5. ilhoayd _____
6. rmeember _____
7. tea _____
8. oodf _____
9. iededrl _____
10. sigtf _____
11. gmea _____
12. nemhrao _____

Scramble answers:

1. Hanukkah
2. Matzah
3. light
4. Jewish
5. Holiday
6. Remember
7. Eat
8. Food
9. Dreidel
10. Gifts
11. Game
12. menorah