**SHARING**

Sharing this week should be related to family traditions. Your child can tell us about something that his/her family always does at the holidays.

For sharing next week children can bring a favorite Christmas ornament (or a picture, if the real thing is too fragile!).

**REQUEST**

 Students will be mixing up gingerbread and making the pieces for their houses on Wednesday and Thursday. We’ll need two or three rolling pins to make this happen efficiently. If you are willing to let us use a rolling pin from your home, please send it to school with your child. We’ll send it back home Thursday afternoon.

**SPELLING**

First through fifth graders have spelling words attached. Here is the condensed homework explanation.

**Monday**: Cut, sort, explain

**Tuesday**: Sort and write

**Wednesday**: Adult reads, child writes in correct category, fix as needed

**Thursday**: Sort, glue, add two

We’ll test on the words in class on Friday.

**COSTUME REQUESTS**

Our play involves a storyteller, elves, reindeer, Santa, and Mrs. Claus. Your child should be able to tell you his or her part or parts.

Our biggest need involves the elves. For most of the play they are at a tropical resort. I’m hoping that we can get those “costumes” covered without having to purchase anything. It would probably be easiest if each elf could bring his/her own shorts and other summer-type wear. Tropical button-up shirts with a Hawaiian print would be ideal, but tank tops would also be fine. If your child has flip flops that would be great. Female elves could wear a sundress. Even if your child isn’t an elf, it would be helpful if you’d be willing to send in any child-sized flip flops you might have along with any tropical resort-wear. (I know—summer clothing is probably packed away!)

We have everything we need for the reindeer and Mrs. Santa. Santa needs swimwear. Our storyteller can dress as she wants. We’ll discuss that early in the week.

I’ll have students make a list of props early in the week and get that to you soon. Thanks!

**SWIMMING**

 We will be swimming this week. Please send swimwear and a towel to school with your child for Wednesday’s swim lessons.

**UKULELE**

 Please help your ukulele players remember to bring their instruments to school tomorrow.

**SLEEPOVER UPDATE**

The gingerbread sleepover is scheduled for this Friday, December 7th. Please bring your child back to school on Friday by 5:00 that evening. Each child will need a sleeping bag, pajamas, a toothbrush and toothpaste, a change of clothing, a hairbrush or comb, and anything else they usually pack for a sleepover. If your child needs medication during this time, please let me know.

We’ll have pizza, fresh carrots, apples, soda, and ice cream for dinner Friday night. Our big project will be the gingerbread houses. We’ll begin by “gluing” together the walls and then after dinner add the roof. We’ll also have time for students to play in the gym and watch a video. We still haven’t voted on the video.

On Saturday morning we’ll have cold cereal with milk, bagels, juice, and bananas for breakfast. We’ll decorate the gingerbread houses and, depending on the time, have more fun in the gym. Children will be ready to be picked up at 11:00 Saturday morning. If you’d like your child to walk home, please send a note to let me know that is okay with you.