**SHARING**

Sharing this week is Children’s Choice.

Children can bring or tell us about a favorite gift for sharing the week after break.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Thanks to everyone who helped by sending props and costumes. Your support was much appreciated! Thank you also for having your child at school so promptly Thursday night.

A special thanks to Ronene Gain and Allison Miller. Their creative ideas made our “tropical tinsel resort” come to life on the stage!

I’d also like to thank Jordan Cameron who engineered our stage curtain suspension system.

**SPELLING & SWIMMING**

 There won’t be spelling or swimming this week. Both will resume after break.

**THANK YOU!**

 Once again, I’d like to thank Kari Hendrich for enthusiastically volunteering in our classroom Tuesday afternoons for most of this semester. She has given the class instruction in singing and dancing. They’ve also learned a bit of music theory. The older students have had the opportunity to learn to play the ukulele. We’ll miss Kari next semester!

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

 It would be great if third, fourth, and fifth graders who plan to participate in this year’s Battle of the Books competition did some reading over vacation. We’ll start practicing shortly after school resumes. Practices go much better when students have read the books. Battles are a bit earlier this year. They’ll be held during the last week of January.

**UKULELE**

 Please help your ukulele players remember to bring their instruments to school tomorrow. Students will have their final session with Kari.

**FAMILY BREAKFAST**

 The 22nd annual family breakfast will be held Thursday morning, December 20th, beginning at 8:30 AM. Your child should be handing you an invitation today.

**ASSESSMENTS**

 We’ll be working on classroom assessments this week. These are the tests that measure your child’s growth and progress and allow me to complete the report card and plan instruction for the rest of the year. Students will also complete a district writing assessment.

**SUBSTITUTE**

 Students will have a sub on Monday, January 7th. Please remind your child to show off his or her finest behavior that day.

**NO SCHOOL**

 Vacation will start at 3:10 on Thursday, December 20th. There isn’t school for students on Friday, December 21st. Staff will use that day for in-service and to work on report cards. Classes will resume at 8:30 on Monday, January 7, 2019.

 I hope you and your family have a relaxing and safe holiday vacation.

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**