**SHARING**

Sharing this week will be related to a favorite Christmas ornament. Children can bring the ornament, or if it is too fragile, they can bring a photo or just describe it to us.

Next week we’ll have Children’s Choice.

**SWIMMING**

Older students will be swimming today. Younger students will swim on Wednesday. Please help your child remember to bring swim gear to school. Everyone has been doing an amazing job on this! Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

 The Christmas program will be tomorrow evening, December 12th. The program begins at 6:30, but **I’d like all students here by 6:00** so that they can change into their costumes and get ready to perform. Thanks!

 Thank you also to everyone for getting those costumes and props here so quickly last week. We are ready to go!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

 Another upcoming event you should be aware of . . . The traditional family breakfast will happen on Thursday, December 21st beginning at 8:30 AM. Look for an invitation from your child to be coming home next week.

**SPELLING**

Due to the many activities happening in the classroom this week, we won’t have spelling.

**ASSESSMENTS**

 As the first semester of the school year comes to an end there are several assessments that students will need to complete. Some are required by the district. Others are for classroom use.

 We’ll begin these this week with the district’s writing assessment. The results of these tests help me plan instruction for the second half of the year.

**VISITING ART TEACHER**

 Debbie Harris, the district’s art specialist will be in the building on Thursday. She’ll be leading an art activity with the class. We haven’t finalized plans yet, but all of the options she presented sound great. I think students will have an enjoyable time working with her.

**SUPPLIES**

 If you are looking for stocking stuffer ideas, I’d like to suggest school supplies. We have several students who need pencils, or lead for their mechanical pencils, and erasers. Glue sticks also seem to be in short supply. Thanks!