**SHARING**

For sharing this week, children can show us a favorite ornament. If it is too fragile, they can bring a photo or just tell us about it.

Sharing next week will be Children’s Choice

**SPELLING**

First through fifth graders have spelling words attached to this bulletin. Here’s the reminder about homework expectations.

Monday: Cut apart and sort

Tuesday: Sort and write

Wednesday: Adult reads word, child writes in correct category, fix any errors

Thursday: Sort, glue, and add two

We’ll test on Friday.

**SWIMMING**

 I’m expecting that we’ll be using Wednesday afternoon to rehearse for the Christmas program. There won’t be swimming this week.

**GINGERBREAD SLEEPOVER**

 First I’d like to thank all who sent rolling pins. We were covered!

 I’d also like to thank everyone for dropping off and picking up your child or children so promptly. It made everything flow very smoothly.

 A special thanks to Chris Lillo for being our male chaperone. In addition to spending the night on the floor in a classroom, we were running a bit behind when he arrived, and he pitched right in and lent a hand! We couldn’t have done it without him!

 Also, thanks to the students. They were very cooperative and helpful throughout the event. They were also quite creative. We have a whole village of wonderful houses with incredible and imaginative details!

 All houses can be taken home after school on Monday or Tuesday. I’m asking that an adult carries them out of the building to ensure that we don’t have any disasters. Thanks!

 **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

 The school Christmas program will be held this Thursday evening, December 12th beginning at 6:30 PM. I’m asking that all students be here by 6:00 so that we can work out any last minute issues. Children should arrive at school that evening in whatever they plan to wear on stage. Hopefully this will be something “wintery” for the snow crew and something “fiery” for the heat crew! Ukulele players should be sure their instrument is at school Thursday morning so that they can use it for rehearsal and so that it is here for the show.

**ASSESSMENT**

 Early this week all students will be taking the writing assessment mandated by the school district. They will be demonstrating their informative writing skills. We’ll discuss prompt options on Monday. Students in kindergarten through third grade will do their writing on Tuesday. Fourth and fifth graders will begin their writing on Tuesday and finish it on Wednesday.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

 FYI: The traditional family breakfast will happen on Friday, December 20th beginning at 8:30 AM. Look for an invitation from your child to be coming home next week.