

November 30, 2010

Dear Families,

As we approach the busy holiday season, we wanted to let you know what we are planning on doing for our Christmas Gift Exchange in the classroom. This year we are going to try something a little bit different. Instead of having a book exchange or bringing in a \$5.00 gift for a boy or girl, we are having a **FILL A STOCKING** party.

Here is how it will work: Each child will have a stocking hung in the classroom, provided by the teacher. Everyone will bring in a small gift for each one of the students in the classroom to put in their stockings. This is meant to be something small and cost less than \$5.00 total. On the day of the party, the children will open their stockings and see all of their little treasures. The beauty of this is that every child will receive the same gift.

Here are some helpful hints:

- * We have 26 children in our class so please send in 26 items.
- * Ideas for these gifts include pencil erasers, rulers, handmade ornaments, candy canes, bouncy balls, silly bands, pencils, pencil toppers and bookmarks. Party City and local dollar stores are also good places to look for items. If you want to make something yourself, Family Fun Magazine has some great ideas too.... <http://familyfun.go.com/>.
- * There is no need to wrap the little treasures but you can if you wish.

The stockings should be up and ready the week of December 6, so feel free to send in your child's Christmas treasures as early as next week for them to deliver. Please try to send them in by **December 16** if at all possible

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Merry Christmas!!!!

Mrs. Kuieck