



L.L. Wood News

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Important Dates in December

Chess Club	12/2 12/9 12/16
Holiday Craft Night 6:30-8:00pm	12/4
PTO Meeting 6:30pm	12/8
School Council 4:00pm	12/9
Early Release ~ Noon Vacation Begins	12/18

Principal's Message

"You make a living by what you get.
You make a life by what you give."
~Winston Churchill

It's hard to believe it's December already! The first three months of school have passed and already a tremendous amount of academic and social growth is evident in each classroom at Wood School. December is a short month with only 13.5 days of learning. This time of year is both exhilarating and exhausting!

The holiday season is filled with so much wonder and excitement! Each year at this time I strive to help my own children focus on the giving rather than the receiving. It is my hope that amidst the piles of catalogs and letters to Santa there are also valuable lessons to be learned. In an effort to promote thoughtfulness we have a day (that sometimes turns into many days) of present making. We glue, glitter, tape, fold and wrap anything that one calls a "gift". It's a messy day but each of us remembers and cherishes this tradition. On Christmas morning as we open gifts it is these that I remember and value the most. And so I wear my yarn and paper bead necklace with pride on Christmas Day and out to dinner. I wouldn't trade my bookmarks, necklaces and hand-

made books for all the ipods and jewelry in the world. And while my boys still ask for items from the toy catalogs it is my hope that they understand the greatest gifts come from the heart.

In the spirit of authenticity and simplicity I hope you join us for our annual Holiday Craft Night on Friday, December 4th at 6:30pm. It promises to be a night of gooeey, sticky fun as we create handmade holiday crafts and gifts!

I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season filled with warmth, love and togetherness.

School Council News

The Wood School Council is meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 9th at 4:00 PM. We are currently seeking community members who would be interested in joining our school council. Our council meets monthly to plan school improvement. Also, any parent is invited to attend our school council meeting. If you have a topic you'd like to discuss and give me advance notice I'll include it on the agenda. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact the LeRoy Wood School office at (508) 979-4073. Thank You!



Winter Weather Reminder!

- We will continue to line up outside in the morning and go outside for recess as long as the weather permits. Please be sure to send your child(ren) to school in warm outerwear including hats, gloves or mittens. Also, please be sure children are coming to school wearing proper footwear for winter weather and safe playing.

Thank you!