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Hi boys & girls,

Here we are in December, just about the halfway mark of the school year and closing off year 2020.

We started doing something different and new to many of us in the way we go to school called Distance Learning. We learned from home through hard copy packets or from the computer. It sure was a very different and interesting experience for all of us.

During the Christmas break, continue keeping your brain and body active. Read every day, talk with your family and use new words you learned from reading. Build or create little things from your imagination and exercise daily.

If you are able to go on the internet, visit the library website. There is a virtual library to read ebooks and there are a bunch of links to educational games and activities you would enjoy doing.










I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay Safe!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Quinata



DECEMBER CHOICE BOARD



<p>National Sock Day. In other places around the world, seasons are changing, socks are more & more a part of colder weather wardrobes. Do you have a favorite pair of socks? Read <i>Caps, Hats, Socks, and Mittens</i> or watch this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XVKdmb9oLk. Design a wacky sock you would wear to school.</p> 	<p>'Tis the season of giving! For the rest of the month focus on giving time to your friends and family. Unplug from electronics and spend time with those you love. Try playing games and reading books together. You could also help them with chores they normally do by themselves. In giving of your time, you will find that you have also received a gift by spending time with your family! Read <i>The Giving Tree</i> for a special look at giving.</p> 	<p>Operation Santa Paws December 1 - 24 is Operation Santa Paws, a time during the holiday season to remind all to love animals as pets & companions and return the unconditional love we get from them. It is a time to donate toys, treats, money, or food to help the shelters with pets who are in need of care and rescue. Read <i>My First Day</i> to learn about 22 different species of animals, and what they do on their first day of life on the planet.</p> 
<p>Cocoa Day. December 13th is National Cocoa Day. A chilly December day is the perfect time to make yourself a cup of hot cocoa! Did you know that cocoa which is used to make chocolate comes from a cacao bean that grows from trees close to the equator? Read <i>Snow Monsters Do Drink Hot Chocolate</i> or watch a video in youtube on a chocolate factory while sipping on a warm cup of hot chocolate</p> 	<p>Learn at home K-5 Choice Board</p> <p>Rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete 2 squares each week, in any order you choose. 2. Cross out the box when you complete the activity. 3. Invite your brother, sister or parent to complete the activity with you. 4. SHARE. Take pictures and share with family, friends and Mrs. Quinata. Email me pictures or put your writings in the folder and return it back to school. 5. HAVE FUN! <p>Email: muleslibrary@gmail.com Website: http://muleslibrary.weebly.com/</p>	<p>Sign Language Week. In the month of December, we remember two men, Laurent Clerc & Hopkins Galludet who opened the first school for the deaf in the U.S. I am so glad we all know a little sign language from singing and signing the school song on Monday assemblies. Try to learn the whole alphabet in sign language. There are many books and videos to teach you.</p> 
<p>Pearl Harbor Day/Guam bombing In remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day in Hawaii and Guam being attacked during WWII, find a book or an article to read about the event. If you need a book suggestion, try <i>I Survived the Bombing of Pearl Harbor, 1941</i>. This historical fiction book shares the experience a kid would have had living through this terrifying day and how they survived</p>	<p>December 12th is National Gingerbread House Day. This day is a day to create! If you don't have the tools and supplies to make a real gingerbread house, then try drawing one or making a 3D one with a shoe box and construction paper.</p> 	<p>Card Playing Day December 28th is National Card Playing Day! Grab your family, friends, and a deck of cards. Play a game you know or try something new. Playing card games is a great way to activate your brain and use the skills of strategy. It's also a great time to practice good sportsmanship.</p> 
<p>December 12th is National Gingerbread House Day. This day is a day to create! If you don't have the tools and supplies to make a real gingerbread house, then try drawing one or making a 3D one with a shoe box and construction paper.</p>	<p>Christmas is a celebration that honors the day Christ was born. Many different religions and cultures all around the world celebrate this day as the day the world received the gift of Jesus. Merry Christmas on December 25th! Enjoy your Christmas celebration you have with your family.</p> 	<p>The 2020 year is ending. How many books did you read this year? Try setting a higher goal and keeping count for 2021! You can finish out the year with a New Year's Eve themed book like <i>Calendar Club Mysteries, 8: The Case of the New Year's Eve Nightmare</i>.</p> 

A Christmas Fairy: Find the Meaning

"A Christmas Fairy" is a short story published in 1913 in a collection called *The Children's Book of Christmas Stories*. In the story, Tom Egerton and Bertie Fellows are students at an English boarding school. Both have to stay at school over the Christmas holiday. Tom's parents are in India, which is too far for him to go for the holiday. Bertie's sister is sick, so he cannot go home until she is well. They are sad they must stay at school. The boys have briefly argued about fairies: whether they exist to grant wishes.

A Christmas Fairy by John Strange Winter

This was the day before Christmas. Quite early in the morning came the great box of which Bertie's mother had spoken in her letter. Then, just as dinner had come to an end, there was a peal at the bell, and a voice was heard asking for Tom Egerton.

Tom sprang to his feet, and flew to greet a tall, handsome lady, crying, "Aunt Laura! Aunt Laura!"

And Laura explained that she and her husband had arrived in London only the day before. "I was so afraid, Tom," she said, "that we should not get here until Christmas Day was over and that you would be disappointed. So I would not let your mother write you that we were on our way home. You must get your things packed up at once, and go back with me to London. Then uncle and I will give you a splendid time."

For a minute or two Tom's face shone with delight. Then he caught sight of Bertie and turned to his aunt.

"Dear Aunt Laura," he said, "I am very sorry, but I can't go."

"Can't go? and why not?"

"Because I can't go and leave Bertie here all alone," he said stoutly. "When I was going to be alone he wrote and asked his mother to let me go home with him. She could not have either of us because Bertie's sister has scarlet fever. He has to stay here, and he has never been away from home at Christmas time before, and I can't go away and leave him by himself, Aunt Laura."

For a minute Aunt Laura looked at the boy as if she could not believe him. Then she caught him in her arms and kissed him.

"You dear little boy, you shall not leave him. You shall bring him along, and we shall all enjoy ourselves together. Bertie, my boy, you are not very old yet, but I am going to teach you a lesson as well as I can. It is that kindness is never wasted in this world."

And so Bertie and Tom found that there was such a thing as a fairy after all.

Answer the following questions.

1. What was Aunt Laura's lesson?

2. What kindness did Bertie show Tom?

3. What kindness did Tom show Bertie?

CHRISTMAS WORD SCRAMBLE

Read the clues and unscramble the words.
Match words and pictures: write the clue number near the correct picture.

Clues:

1. A tree with coloured decorations.
STRAMISCH ERTE
2. The other name of Father Christmas.
STANA SCALU
3. A statue made of snow.
WONNAMS
4. A bird cooked for Christmas dinner.
RUTEKY
5. A poster with twenty-five windows.
DNEVAT RELACAND
6. You send them to friends and relatives.
MISCSHTRA DRACS
7. People sing them at Christmas time.
SCROAL
8. Children hang them on Christmas Eve.
SONGTISCK
9. A Christmas plant with white berries.
MELETTOS
10. A round decoration to put on the door.
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