



M.U. Lujan Elementary School Library Newsletter



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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 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>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 finishing 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> 

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Date _____

Decorating a Tree

Decorating the tree is Zoe's favorite thing about Christmas. Every year on the first day of December, Zoe and her family go to the Christmas tree lot and pick out the perfect tree. Zoe likes to get a really tall tree. When they bring the tree home, Zoe's dad sets the tree in the stand, and then it's time to decorate! The first thing they do is put lots of different colored lights around the tree. Zoe loves to see all of the twinkling colors light up the room. Next, they take all of the ornaments out of the boxes. They put the fragile ornaments near the top of the tree and spread the other ornaments over the rest of the tree. Decorating the tree is a special Christmas tradition.



Answer the Questions

1. Zoe likes to get a
 - A. tall tree
 - B. short tree
 - C. wide tree
2. The fragile ornaments go
 - A. near the top of the tree
 - B. near the middle of the tree
 - C. near the bottom of the tree

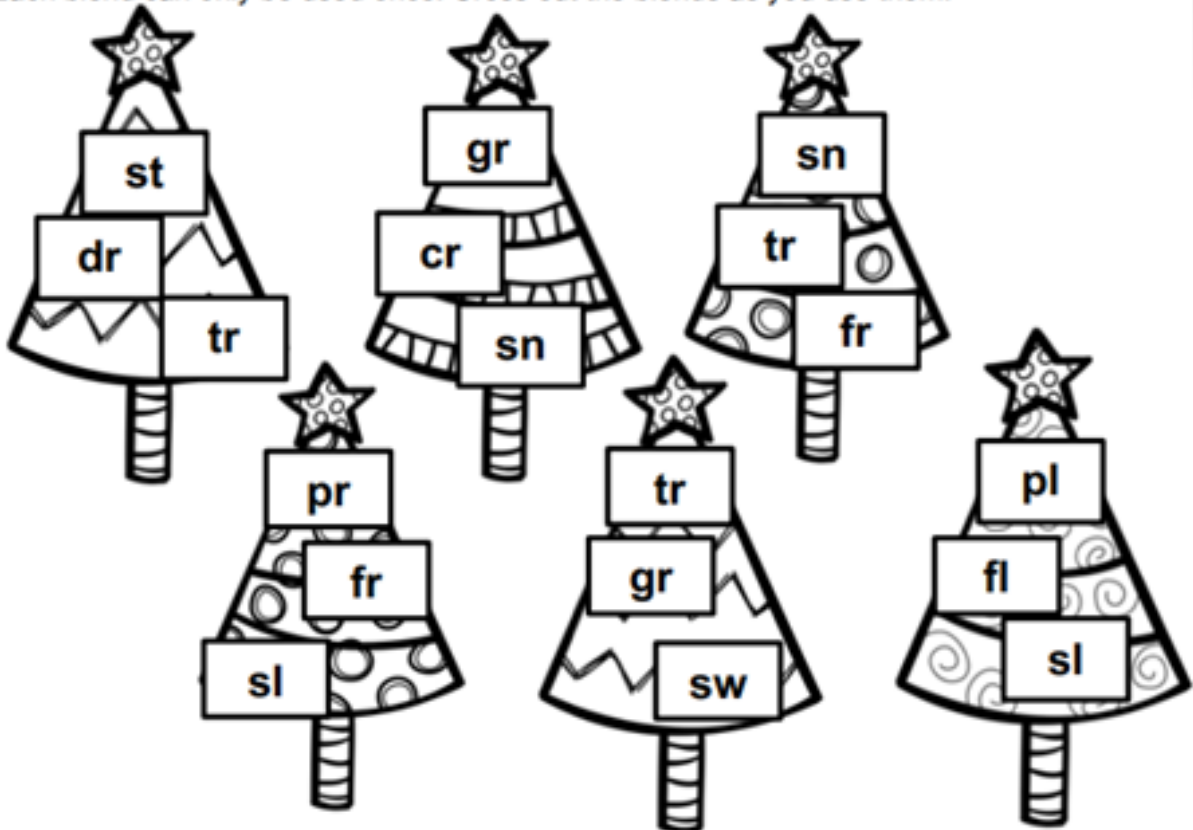
3. When does Zoe's family go to the Christmas tree lot?

4. Who sets up the tree?

5. What kind of lights do they put on the tree?

Christmas Time

Add the blends on the Christmas Trees to the words below to make 18 Christmas words. Each blend can only be used once. Cross out the blends as you use them.



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