



Happy December to One and All!!! Wishing You and Yours a Wonderful Holiday Season!

Sincerely, Shayna Schroeder, Director of Curriculum and Stacey Yarger, Director of Operations

**Thinking of Others During The Season of Giving**



We will be collecting socks for children and donating to "Shoes for the Shoeless" this holiday season. They are especially in need of boys and girls socks for ages 6–10. They will accept all new sock donations. **Please have these to First School by Dec. 15.** This is strictly voluntary for our families. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Our First School families are always so giving when asked!

Dates to Remember:

- Dec. 2 & 3: Spirit Days
- Dec. 6 & 7 Grinch Days
- Dec. 14 & 15 Elf Spirit Days
- Dec. 16 & 17 Jammie Days
- Dec. 18–Jan. 3 Winter Break No School.
- Jan. 4 TUESDAY, 2022 School Resumes. (Monday is a holiday for New Year's Day.)



**TIS THE SEASON for RUNNY NOSES, Etc. Please Read about our Illness Policy:**

We have had to change our policy concerning some childhood illnesses due to the Pandemic. PLEASE, even if it just seems like a cold, keep your child home. We have noticed many runny noses and coughs at school and as a result, our teachers are getting sick as well as classmates. Continuous colored discharge from the nose or coughing is also cause to keep your child home. Thank you so much for understanding.

**Special Notes from The Office:**

Please label coats, hats, mittens, gloves with at least the last name or initials. When children come to school lots of friends have the same cute adorable warm clothes. We have a hard time if they aren't labeled! Thanks!

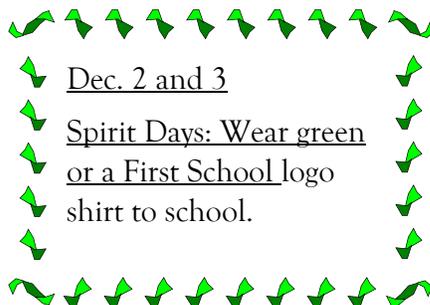
.If you are in line and have forgotten your Car tag you may call us on your cell and we'll have the file ready for checking your drivers license while you stay in line.

Please read the illness policy in the Parent Handbook to familiarize yourselves with our practices.

PLEASE use our FIRST SCHOOL school bags instead of back packs.

**Dec. 16 & 17**

Wear Christmas themed jammies or other fun jammies to school! We'll have some fun activities planned for these last two days of school before break!



Dec. 2 and 3

Spirit Days: Wear green or a First School logo shirt to school.



Get into Elf Spirit and wear your favorite holiday clothing on December 14 or 15.



**HOT CARS = HOT FOREHEADS**

Parents, If you could turn your car heaters down and take off your child's hat while waiting in the drop off line, we would really appreciate it. The heat makes our thermometers post very high readings and then we have to hold you up while we wait for cool down. Thanks

## SNOW DAY INFO

Hopefully this winter will be mild! We have our own notice on the TV stations. If we decide on a delay it will be a one hour delay, opening at 9:40, but dismissing at the normal time of 11:10. Look at our Facebook page for details or a TV weather app or the TV. If Centerville City Schools close, we will close. If they delay two hours, we will delay one hour as mentioned above. Pickup at usual time.



## GRINCH DAYS!

On December 6 and 7 we are going to help put LOVE and HOPE into the holiday season! Dress up in fun bright colors, wear green, or try out a fancy Who-ville hairdo! Come ready to grow holiday spirit for the Grinch!

## FIRST SCHOOL MOM WRITES AND PUBLISHES BOOK!

One of our longtime parents, Samantha Paul, has written and published a children's book, "I Know Myself" and is offering it to you at a discount. **Please** stop by the office if you would like to take a look. The book is a fantastic explanation of how important it is to understand body science, safety and self-love. There are illustrations and labels of all boy and girl body parts as well as a lovely explanation and illustration of how babies are made, develop and are born.

The book is very thorough and non-threatening while explaining about the importance of using ones voice to protect oneself. It also encourages using that same voice to let trusted adults know if anything or anyone is crossing boundaries.

The book sells for \$19.99 but Mrs. Paul will extend a 15% discount for First School families! Please order directly off of the website, [www.safelyanchored.com](http://www.safelyanchored.com) and use promocode FIRSTSCHOOL. Choose local pickup to save delivery fees and Mrs. Paul will send your book to First School and then home with your child.

Samantha has written the book with Jennifer Jenkins, and Sierra Ward has illustrated it. Mrs. Paul is a doctor's wife and stay-at-home mom of two children, a girl and a boy, and has a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in family life.

