

FAMILIES AND LITERACY COMMITTEE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Continue to bring the cozy feeling from Fall into the Winter season. There are many winter holidays, some that are familiar to your family and others that might be new to you. Spend the winter season learning about and honoring other cultures and traditions.

WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME?

Create your own family fun that incorporates reading and aspects of the Winter season.

- **Create a Themed Book Basket:** Fill it with books that teach about the winter season around the world. Have conversations around similarities and differences to where you live.
- **Winter Reading Challenge:** Create your own checklist with categories like “Read under a blanket,” “Read a book with snow on the cover,” or set a goal for the number of books/minutes read. Choose things of interest to your child(ren).
- **Book & Bake:** Read a story about celebrating a holiday from your culture or one that’s new to you. Then bake a recipe that represents the holiday.

Reading and writing are more fun when you do them together with friends and family. Enjoy the time trying something new and learning together.

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Book SPOTLIGHT

Here is a newly written book with winter inspiration:

Holidays Around the World: A Winter Adventure

written by Dustin Sparks
illustrated by Misha Malik

Travel through the celebrations of Japan, Australia, and the Philippines, as the story shares how families around the world come together with unique traditions, delicious foods, and heartwarming festivities. This book helps introduce children to diverse cultures.

See the Families & Literacy Committee’s Winter Literacy Lotto board for more book recommendations.