

With field trips, rehearsal day, the holiday program, specials, and an early release day, I have combined last week's news and this week's news together.

First and foremost, CONGRATULATIONS to all of your beautiful children with their beautiful voices! What an amazing program and I am so proud of them! Kudos!!!!

We just finished our first chapter book The Giraffe, and the Pelly, and Me by Roald Dahl and they are so proud of all their hard work! I am holding on to them for just a little while longer, but don't worry, I promise you will all an original copy:) Don't worry, the next one will be sent home immediately upon completion so they are able to remember the story in greater detail!

Last Monday, we completed the second part to our ice melting experiment. If you recall, we were learning about solids, liquids, and gases, and we froze a solid item in some liquid water and then froze the water. We were very curious to see what would happen to our things, but we were mostly excited about figuring out what tools we had to use to dig them out! We made a list of everything we used: a screwdriver, a hammer, tweezers, hands, toy hammer, craft stick, wrench, toy saw, salt, and our water table. Almost everyone used the salt to help melt the ice, but when they saw how long it was taking and we were pretty impatient, we had to let the tools take over. The water table, toy saw, screwdriver, and hammer were all very popular choices! I'm happy to report by the way, no work-related injuries and most of our frozen items came out exactly how they went in:)

Boy, oh boy is the Arctic cold! Could you imagine living in such frigid temperatures? Oh wait..



Seeing as there isn't enough snow yet to make our own igloos at the park, we have begun putting our construction skills to use with some sugar cubes to make igloos! We aren't quite finished, but they will be going home with your child after break. Keep an eye out;)

Tree update: check out our pictures on the website!

Thank you everybody for the grab-bag gifts:))! The class had such a great time opening all of our new presents for the room and we are so excited to try them all out! You guys ROCK!

Reminders:

- As long as the feels like weather is above 25 degrees fahrenheit, we will be going outside for our full recess time. Please make sure you send your child with appropriate winter gear. Feel free to leave a pair of gym shoes at school and send your child with their boots and he/she can change into them upon arrival.
- Class grab-bag: We are still in need of books such as Rosie Revere, Engineer, Iggy Peck, Architect, any Eric Carle books. Preferably hardcover please or pillows such as these https://www.bedbathandbeyond.com/store/product/micro-mink-backrest-pillow/3284097?skuId=45754586&mcid=PS_googlepla_nonbrand_homedecor_online&product_id=45754586&adtype=pla&product_channel=online&adpos=1o5&creative=224230473969&device=c&matchtype=&network=g&mrkgadid=3140840175&mrkgcl=609&rkg_id=h-56219155229da0e69668a61d49b45452_t-151248330

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- Don't forget to use [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and enter Plato Academy when doing any online shopping to help benefit our school!

Have a very merry holiday break and see you all on January 8!

-Ms. Anna