

Stepping Stones

It's time for hats, mittens (and labels please)

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Review 13: Looking Ahead at December Festivities

Polar Express: All Aboard!



The Conductor clips the magic words into the tickets.

On Friday December 23rd wear your pajama's to school, construct a train out of blocks, get your tickets checked by the Conductor, "drink hot cocoa as thick and rich as melted chocolate bars" and taste the stars in carefully and lovingly fashioned cookies.

The Polar Express is a beloved Stepping Stones tradi-

tion started by Robin and Jason many years ago. It's a tasty action-packed morning bringing the story to life as EVERYONE invests in the thoughts that "there's no greater gift than friendship" and "seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see."

All are welcome to join this extraordinary adventure. If it is **NOT** your scheduled school day please have an adult accompany your child for the duration of the event. If it is your school day (a parent is not required to stay, but of course we'd enjoy your company for as long as you'd like to linger).

Steppers is open from 7.30-5.30 as usual for children regularly in attendance on Fridays.

Start Time for Story Re-enactment: 10.30



The Narrator prompts the actors on their lines.

In A Nutshell

- IT'S TIME FOR HATS AND MITTENS. PLEASE LABEL THEM TO HELP US KEEP TRACK AND STAY ORGANIZED.
- EARLY CLOSING: FRIDAY DECEMBER 16 @ 1.00 FOR STAFF MEETING.
- SOLSTICE PARTY: DECEMBER 21 @ 5.30
- POLAR EXPRESS: DECEMBER 23 @ 10.30
- CLOSED: 12/24 THRU 1/1

Solstice Party

Please join us at our annual holiday party for lasagna and salad. The children will have opportunity to taste the Gingerbread House they helped to construct earlier in the day. Enjoy good company (and bring a *spirited beverage* if you like :) Wednesday, December 21st @ 5.30.

Holiday Closings

Stepping Stones will be closed for the holidays December 24 thru January 1st.

We will resume regular school hours on Monday, January 2, 2012

1/16 Early Closing 1:00

1/19 Community Meeting 6-8

A Website Wish for 2012

Now that we have tested the value of writing weekly *Review* along with great feedback from the community and eager commitment from all the staff, I would like to take things to the next level and create a Website with **password protected pages** for the new year. An anonymous donor will fund the initial start-up cost of \$40 to get things going and if we like the format and password protected accessibility to Steppers updates, teacher blogs, photos and more—then I will seek financial support via voluntary donations to keep the site in operation on a yearly basis. I will post a communal release form detailing the purpose of the website (by the Sign In Sheet) and seeking your permission to publish photos and stories that may include your child.

Thanks ~Liz