



Tiger Times

Winter is here!

Brr! While it may not officially be Winter until December 21st the cold weather might fool you! Please help us re-unite your child with their belongings by labeling jackets and sweatshirts. Student often come wearing layers and then shed some and forget where they left them. Our lost and found hallway is located by the art room. Feel free to come and identify your child's items and bring them home.

Students continue to go outside for recess unless it is below freezing or weather conditions do not allow for safe play. With this in mind, please be sure your child brings a coat. If they do not have a coat, teachers will not allow the student to participate outside.

I would like to thank all of the families that have graciously selected an ornament from our "Angel Tree". Each ornament listed the gender, age, grade level and wish for one of our own Pearl Sample students. Please attach the ornament to the bag/gift. This allows staff to then identify the correct recipient family. This is one tradition at Pearl Sample that goes right back to our own students and families.

Under the "help corner" on the opposite page, I try to list various resources that may benefit our families. If you have an idea to add, please let me know.

As you gather together with your families over the various holidays, I hope that you enjoy your time together. So often

people forget to realize that time spent together is one of the best gifts anyone can give. Have a safe and Happy Holiday! We look forward to a wonderful 2018 with you and your family! May the new year bring you peace, happiness and joy!

Kristin M. Williams



"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending." –Maria Robinson

**Pearl Sample
Elementary School**

December 2017

Important Facts:

- We strive for perfect student attendance all day every day.
- **Office Hours**
7:30-4:30 M-Th
7:30-4:00 Fridays
- **Students may arrive beginning at 7:45.**
- Dismissal begins at 2:45 PM.

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REMINDERS:

- **If your child arrives after 8:15, please bring them to the office and sign them in as tardy.**
- Please send (in writing) any changes in address, home, cell or work numbers to the office. This will help keep our records current and allow us to reach you in a case of emergency.
- The afternoons during dismissal can be hectic. To help prevent any errors in how your child is to go home, please send in a note with your child regarding any changes.
- Free and reduced lunch forms can be completed at any point in the school year. If at any point you have a need, simply request that a form be sent home or stop by the office.
- If you plan on volunteering or want to be a chaperone, you will need to complete a volunteer form and be fingerprinted. This needs to only be done only once. Please remember to have any grandparents, aunt, uncle etc. complete a form.



How can you help your child be successful?

1) Have your child get a good nights sleep. “Aside from the obvious academic problems that result from inadequate sleep, there are social problems that arise when kids come to school tired and moody. Sleep deprivation in children has been linked to higher rates of aggression, inattention, social deficits and health problems” Is sleep deprivation depriving our students? by [Gina Orange](#) on June 22, 2010

2) Create a space for your child to complete homework. It should be free from distraction and noise. Your child should not be “multitasking” when doing homework. Turn the TV and radio off and have a clutter free work space.

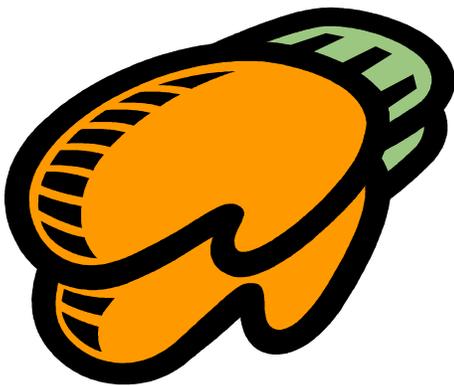
3) Have your child pack their backpack the night before. This helps keep them organized and prevent forgotten homework.

4) Talk positively about school and school staff. If your child feels like

you respect school staff and feel like school is important, they are more likely to put in the effort to work hard.

5) Give your child praise for both academic and behavioral accomplishments in school.

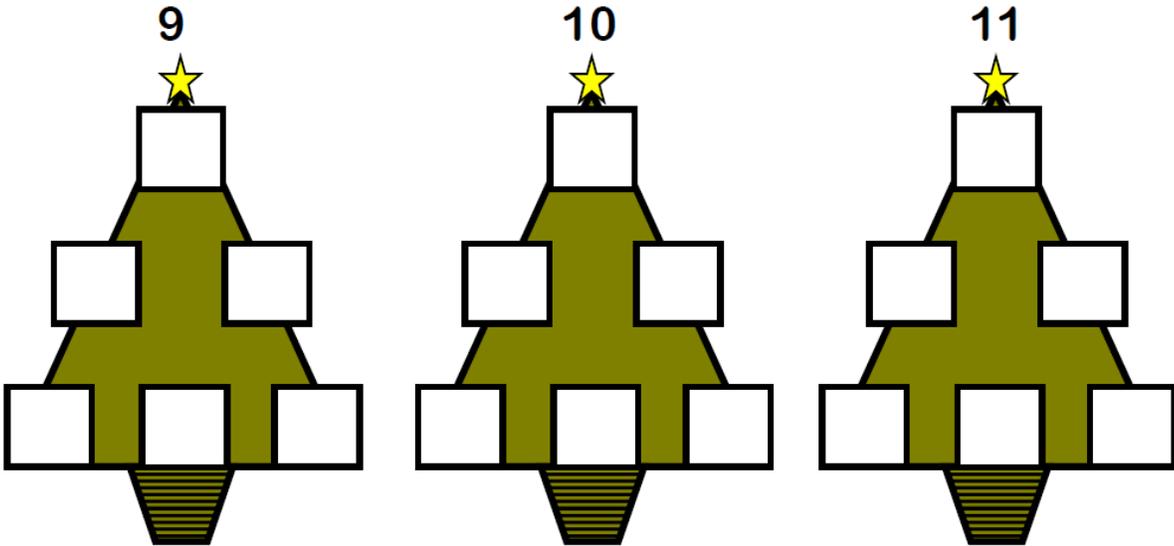
6) Read often with your children, to your children, and have your children read to you. If your child sees you reading (newspaper, magazine, books) they are more likely to read as well.



Tree Totals

Try these math puzzles to keep your brain working over winter break.

Place the numbers 1-6 in the squares so that each side of the triangle adds up to the total above the tree.



Place the numbers 1-9 in the squares so that each side of the triangle adds up to the total above the tree.

