

# W.R. Brown Elementary School



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Caesar Rodney School District

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Happy  
Holidays!

## Upcoming Dates

November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Secret Santa Shop

Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

PTO Meeting  
5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period  
Interims Issued

Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Culture Festival  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

December 20<sup>th</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>

Winter Break



Dear W. R. Brown Families,

Happy Holidays! This festive time of year at W. Reily Brown is always exciting. Students will be learning about holidays, traditions, and cultures from around the world as we prepare to celebrate the season during annual Holiday Culture Festival. Classrooms, hallways, and our cafeteria will be adorned with festive decorations, bringing cheer to our WRB community.

As mentioned above, this month we are happy to host our second family event, a Drive-thru Holiday Culture Festival on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Please note the change in time as we plan to start this event a little earlier than usual. We welcome you to enjoy beauty of our campus as your children fill their stockings at the stops along the way. A dinner treat will be provided along with hot chocolate and other yummy goodies. This is sure to be an event to remember

During the week of November 29<sup>th</sup> students will be able to shop for their loved ones at our Secret Santa Shop.

We wish you and your loved ones a joyous and peaceful holiday season.





**Family Time:** The holiday season can be a busy and stressful time of year. Habit 7, Sharpen the Saw, is the leadership practice of daily renewal for your body, heart, mind, and spirit. It is the habit that gives us the capacity to face the more difficult challenges in life. We have provided some fun family activities for you to sharpen the saw with your loved ones.

## December 4<sup>th</sup>: National Cookie Day

Cook a batch of yummy cookies

### Four Ingredient Sugar Cookies

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 2/3 cup + 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup + 3 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

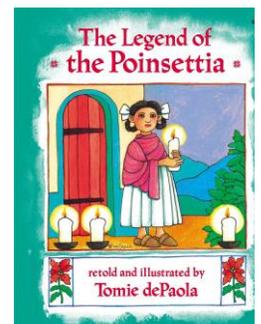
### Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 325, line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper
2. Mix together butter and 2/3 cup sugar
3. Add in flour and blend well
4. Add in vanilla and blend well
5. Scoop 1 inch balls of dough and gently roll in remaining sugar. Transfer to baking sheet
6. Use the bottom of a glass to press down and flatten the dough ball. Sprinkle with some decorations
7. Bake for 14 – 16 minutes



## December 12<sup>th</sup>: National Poinsettia Day

- Read Tomie DePaola's book, *The Legend of the Poinsettia* together as a family.
- Visit a local greenhouse, florist, Wal-Mart or even Longwood Gardens to view all the different colors of poinsettias. Consider filling your house with some, or brightening someone else's day with one.
- Decorate with poinsettia inspired designs or crafts, make your own with paper, felt, paint or any other material. You're only limited by your imagination





## Winter Eyes

by Douglas Florian

Look at winter  
With winter eyes  
As smoke curls from rooftops  
To clear cobalt skies.

Breathe in winter  
Past winter nose:  
The sweet scent of black birch  
Where velvet moss grows.  
Walk through winter  
With winter feet  
On crackling ice  
Or sloshy wet sleet.

Look at winter  
With winter eyes:  
The rustling of oak leaves  
As spring slowly nears.

December 21<sup>st</sup>: Winter Solstice Day – Winter Solstice marks the day with the fewest hours of daylight in the Northern Hemisphere. It also signifies the first day of winter.

- Go on a Winter Solstice walk, visit a local state park or even a stroll around your neighborhood. If it's dark bring a flashlight or headlamp to make is a special nighttime adventure.
- Decorate an outside tree with edible treats for wild animals. Spread peanut butter and bird seed on pinecones that you can hang like an ornament. Slice oranges, apples or pears and hang on strings. String popcorn and cranberries on thread and hana like garland
- Eat a Winter Solstice feast by candlelight



\*Let the nurse know if you receive your flu shot or COVID vaccine. We are trying to “shield” out these viruses.

\*If you child is sick, please do not send to school. Fever, vomiting or diarrhea or any cough accompanied by a fever.

\*COVID vaccine is now available for children ages 5-11. Please contact your doctor for any questions or concerns.

\*Adults who are vaccinated, you are eligible for your booster 6 months after your second dose. Keep in mind, like all vaccines, coverage will decrease over time.

Reach out with any questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful holiday season and stay safe.

Nurse Wendy