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NEWSLETTER

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LETTER FROM OUR STAFF

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season has arrived! And with only a few weeks left till Winter Break, our school days are filled to capacity. In each classroom, our students' excitement for what is to come is palpable, and we are thrilled to meet them in that anticipation.

Our teachers have created amazing lesson plans this month that celebrate the rich diversity in our school. Our goal is that each child sees a reflection of how they celebrate at home while they continue to learn and grow here at Accotink Academy.

We hope that each and every one of you feels the joy and love that pours out of our classrooms this season.

Warmest Wishes,

The Accotink Staff



“Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.” —

-John F. Kennedy, 35th
President of the United
States.



CALENDAR NEWS

Dates to Remember

● December 2nd

Holiday Toy Drive for ECHO Ends

● December 14th

Dress Down Day

● December 15th

Dress Down Day
1 Hour Early Release -
School Day Ends At Noon

● December 16th

Winter Break Begins
No School Dec. 16 - Jan. 2



CLASSROOM #109

MS. BAJIN
Lead Teacher

Ms. Bajin has an incredible background of teaching at FCPS, and we are thrilled to call her one of our own now! She, her husband Joe, and their son Sammy J are staying busy this year with their 8 month old labrador puppies (yes that is plural)! She is looking forward to all that comes with the holiday season! Whether driving around to see Christmas lights or snuggled up on the couch with popcorn and M&Ms to watch a Holiday Classic, she truly loves soaking up all the magic of Christmas.

MS. MCGUIRE
Assistant Teacher M,W,F

Ms. McGuire is one of our "parent to teacher" recruits! This is her second year at Accotink and first year teaching. Originally from Texas, she and her husband Ryan have two children, Reid and Allie and a pup named Ralphie. Her favorite part of the holiday season? Curating thoughtful gifts and mailing special packages to family!



MEET THE STAFF

5-DAY PRESCHOOL

MS. MORGAN
Assistant Teacher T,TH

Ms. Morgan arrived this Fall and we are so happy to have her! As a Marine Corps spouse she doesn't claim a single place as home, as she has lived all over the world! She and her husband Ryan have three kids: Savannah, Griffin and Fiona. A self professed lover of Christmas, she is looking forward to movie nights, holiday lights and all the festive treats!



FROM THE LUNCHBOX

'TIS THE SEASON
FOR MAKING ALL
THINGS MERRY!
SNACKS INCLUDED!

NUT BUTTER REINDEER STICKS

Trying to reign in the sugar highs during the holidays? Us too! Cue these healthy but oh so adorable celery stick snacks! They might be just cute enough to lure us away from the sugar cookies....maybe.

INGREDIENTS

- Celery
- Nut Butter
- Raspberries
- Pretzles
- Mini Chocolate Chips

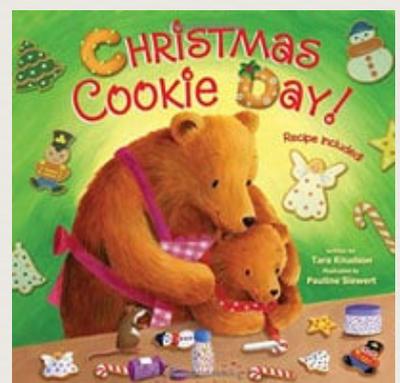
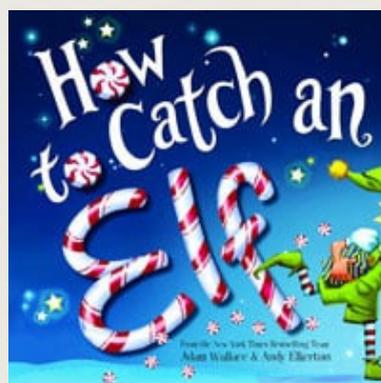
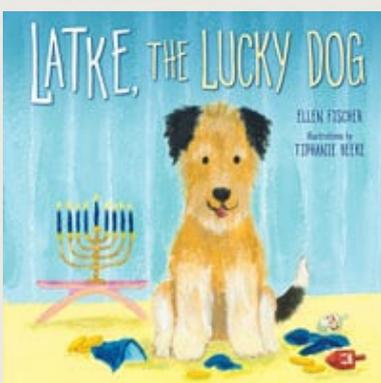
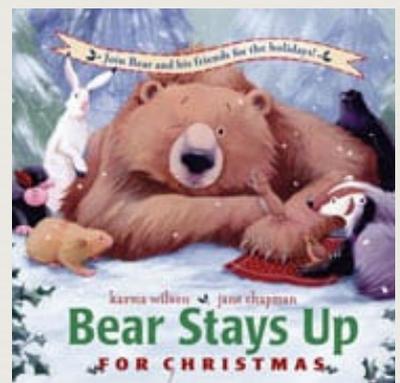
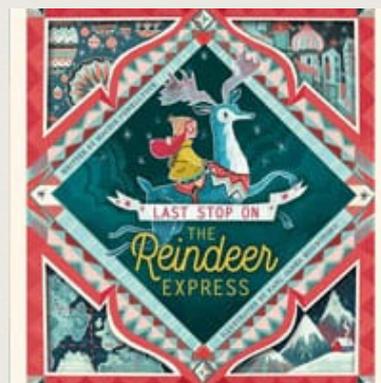
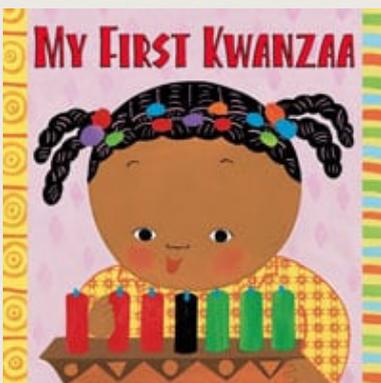
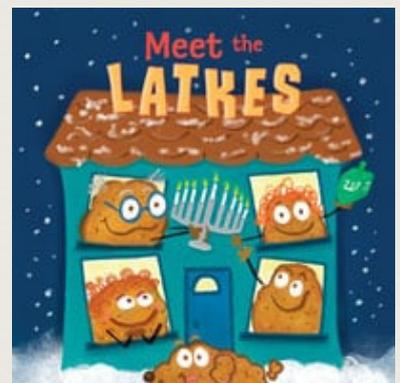
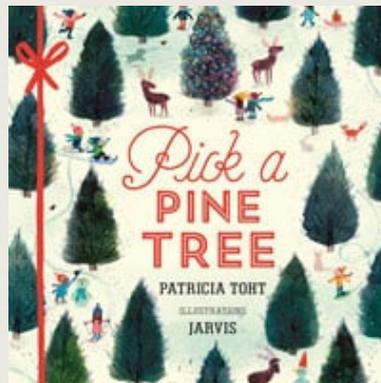
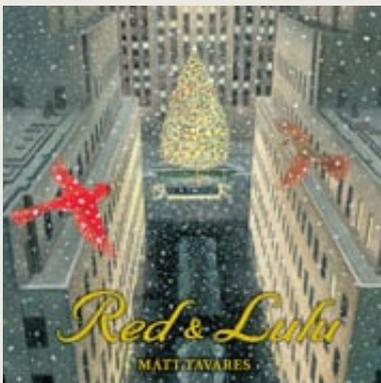
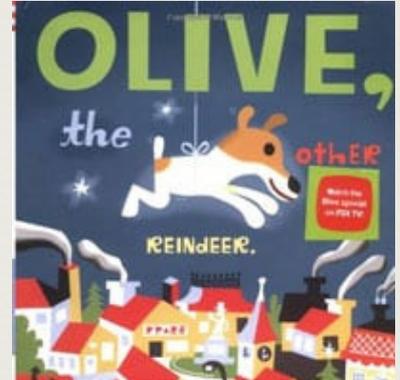
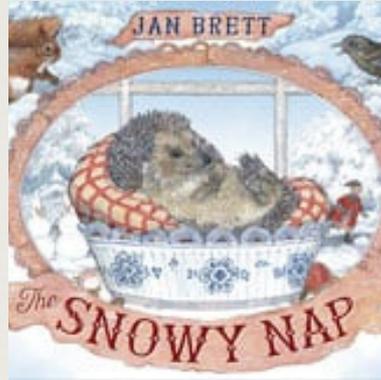


BOOK NOOK

Holiday Edition

psssst...
photos are live links!

Whether it's a basket by the couch, a shelf in your child's room, or piled up on the coffee table, books are an intergeral part of early childhood education. This month we are sharing some of our holiday favorites. Happy Reading!



LOCAL FINDS

Celebration Station

Dec. 2, 3, 9

Burke Lake's train station magically transforms into the Celebration Station.

Train rides are \$10; tickets must be purchased in advance.

Holiday Model Train Show

Dec. 3-4

For the Holiday season, the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum features model trains of all shapes and sizes to delight train lovers of all ages.

Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade

Dec. 3

Old Town Alexandria's historic waterfront will sparkle as more than 50 boats float along one mile of the Potomac River shoreline.

Wolf Trap Holiday Sing-A-Long

Dec. 3

A favorite family event of the season. The holiday sing-a-long at Wolf Trap, featuring the U. S. Marine Band and other vocal groups. Admission is free.

