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Holiday Season

Either a child or an adult, this has to be the best time of the year. The holidays somehow allow us to take a break from the everyday hustle and run. It is a moment in time to enjoy and appreciate our family and friends. The holidays do not question if the economy is in a recession or inflation. By a force of its own, the holidays give a moment to reflect the past and enjoy our future.

We at Bonnie Academy are very blessed and thankful to be able to serve your family and children. This past year has been a challenging year for all of us parents, teachers and administrators alike. The financial and economic challenges have been more than overwhelming across the board. Regardless to all obstacles, we pledge to provide a safe and loving atmosphere for your children and you.

A Holiday Wish

The stars will be bright and the sky will be clear
And all whom you love will be happy and near.
Your home will be warm, and everything right
With laughter and smiles flowing into the night.

Your hopes and your wishes will surely come true,
With all that you've dreamed of just waiting for you.
All that you've given will cause so much cheer,
And all whom you love will be happy and near.

The scents of the feast will be filling the air.
Music will play as you merrily share.
This is a time that will always be dear,
With all whom you love being happy and near.

I wish you the best for this season of lights
A time that is precious and full of delights,
With joy that extends past the month and the year,
With all whom you love being happy and near.

Tis' the Season to be Jolly

By Joyce Martin

This is the busy holiday season when we hit the malls and climb the wall, and in the hustle to get it all done it's easy to forget why we do it in the first place. We get mixed up with trying to get our families what they want. This process can cause us to become overwhelmed and can lead to stressing out over very small situations.

Christmas is the season that is supposed to be about family, friends, love, joy and happiness. So many of us are not feeling that way because of the economic situation, but try not to let that become the factor that determine your joy and happiness. If you just look around, you will realize that you have a lot to be happy about. For children it doesn't take as much as you think to make them happy. Here are few suggestions to get the ball rolling. Bake some cookies with them, string popcorn to make garland for the tree, let them make ornaments to hang on the tree. Better yet give them a calendar and let them pick a day to spend with only you. Years from now when they look back on this Christmas they may not remember the gifts they received, but for sure they will remember the time spent doing things together as a family.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Ms. Joyce's Chocolate-Chip-Cookies

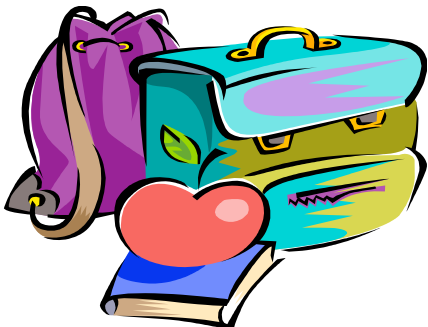
Makes 5 dozen

½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup butter, softened
1 cup brown sugar
¼ cup granulated sugar
1 egg
1 ½ teaspoon vanilla
2 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 6-ounce package semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. In a large mixing bowl, stir the butter until it is creamy. Slowly mix in both sugars until the mixture is light and fluffy. Add the egg and vanilla and mix well. In another bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, and salt. Slowly add the dry ingredients to the butter mixture until they are well mixed. Fold in the chocolate chips. Place the dough by rounded teaspoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake until golden brown (about 10-12 minutes).

Reminders to Parents / Students

- All Fridays are school spirit days; please wear clothing with the school logo.



This Month's Highlights

December 19, 2008:

Holiday Pot Luck. We may possibly have a surprise visitor from the North Pole.

Upcoming Events

Holiday Pot Luck

December 19, 2008 – we will have a pot luck lunch. Please see Ms. Joyce for more information.

School Closures for the Month of December

Thursday, December 25, 2008

Friday, December 26, 2008

Wednesday, December 31, 2008, the school will close at 12:00 noon

Thursday, January 1, 2009, the school will be closed for New Years Day

Christmas Books

- How the Grinch Stole Christmas: by Dr. Seuss
- Marvin's Best Christmas Present Ever: By Katherine Paterson

Christmas is coming..... and Marvin is worried. His big sister, May, always makes great presents for their parents, and Marvin's are never as good. But this year, he is determined to make the best Christmas present ever -- one that will last forever.

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