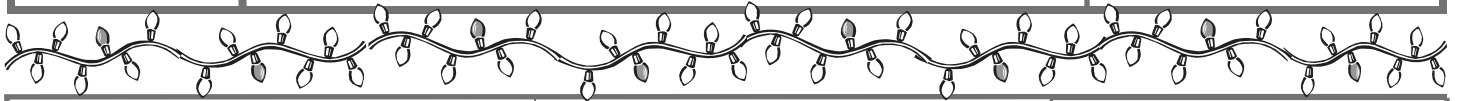


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Dr. McCamman's Corner



Thank you all for the kindness you showed this year with our Holiday Star Program. We received a thank you letter from Lisa Willard, the Community Center Coordinator at the House of Refuge and it stated, "The generous expression of giving and the offering up of time, talent and treasure by all involved in this event was amazing!" Each grade level did a brilliant job bringing items in the category they were assigned and the items will go a long way in making this a special season for the families at House of Refuge. I echo Lisa when

I say, I am amazed and overwhelmed. Thank you all for all you did and have a beautiful holiday season.



INTERMEDIATE 1 AUTHORS

The Intermediate 1 students will be publishing their very own stories this year! Each child will receive a free copy of his/her own story printed in a hardback book. What a great way to preserve your child's writing for years to come! The children have just started to create their stories. Some classes are doing a compilation of stories; others are doing only one story. We will be going through the entire writing process: brainstorming, drafting, revising, proofreading, and publishing. When our writing is completed in February, it will be sent off to the publishing company. Additional copies will be available, what a great gift to send off to your relatives. Encourage your child to let you know how their writing is going!

2010/2011

Intent-to-Return Forms will be coming home in January. Let us answer your questions before you send yours back in....

TOPS INFO FOR 2010/11

Are you considering enrolling in a TOPS program and would like more information? There will be a TOPS informational meeting on **Thursday, Jan. 14th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Media Center. Currently enrolled TOPS parents and TOPS teachers tell you about their experiences, give their perspective, and answer any and all questions you might have.

ARE YOU THE PARENT OF A SIXTH GRADER?

Our **JR. High Parent Info Meeting** will be held in the Media Center on **Tuesday, Jan. 19th at 6:00 p.m.** This presentation by our fabulous Junior High teachers will include a program overview as well as a discussion of the curriculum. **Dr. McCamman** will also discuss important elements to help your child transition smoothly into becoming a successful seventh grader.



IMPORTANT DATES

- December 21 - January 8
~ **Winter Break**
School Holidays
- January 11
~ **First Day of Quarter**
- January 14
~ **TOPS Info Meeting**
- January 18
~ **Martin Luther King Day**
School Holiday
- January 19
~ **Jr. High Info. Meeting**
- January 22
~ **Character Counts - "Wear Red" Day!**
- January 22
~ **Intent to Return Forms Coming Home**
- February 5
~ **Intent to Return Forms Due By Today**

Character Counts!

Earlier this month we celebrated the character pillar of responsibility by wearing green. We noticed so many staff members and students participating, and the tally's are in! **Ms. Rogers, Ms. Brackman, Ms. Nett, Ms. Dunlevy, Ms. Block, and Ms. L O'Brien's** classes all had 100% participation. They all win **AN OTTER POP PARTY!** Congratulations! Way to show school spirit! Our next character pillar is caring. Think of red hearts. The next character color day will be January 22nd and we are asking you to wear RED. Please plan to participate and show your character!