Unit C

It is time to start getting ready for the holidays. Unit C’s traditional holiday celebration involves visiting area daycares. On Tuesday, December 17, Unit C will walk to Nora Stewart Day Care and Park Avenue Day Care. We will leave Ridgeway at 9:40 and return to school by 11:45. Unit C students will sing holiday songs, read books, and work puzzles with the preschoolers. Each preschooler will receive a decorated sack of treats.

Families can participate by donating books and puzzles (no stuffed animals please) that are in good condition and appropriate for preschoolers. The infant room at Park Avenue could use board books and larger blocks (Duplo). Gifts need not be wrapped—this is an activity we do at school. Cash donations are welcome and will be spent on purchasing bags and treats for the children. Please make checks payable to Ridgeway PTSA. We will wrap presents on December 12. Please bring donations to school before then.

Thank you for your support!

Unit A

Our Unit A Winter Holidays party will be on Friday, December 20 from 1:20-2:20 p.m. Parents, please use the following link to sign up to donate items and/or volunteer. We welcome all adult family members to volunteer but ask that siblings please not attend due to limited attention, space, and supplies.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4AF2FA1FE3-unit1

Thank you to Mrs. Carissa Havens for sharing Advent with all of Unit A for our Holidays Around the World. We are looking forward to many more holiday learning opportunities in the next two weeks.

Unit B

The Unit B Winter Party will be held from 9:30-10:30 on Friday, December 20.

On Friday, December 20, Unit B and Unit C will attend the Mizzou women’s basketball game. Students will eat early that day. School lunch will be sack lunches. They will leave at about 11:15 and return by the end of the school day in time for regular dismissal.

Label! Label! Label! Your child should be wearing a heavy coat, gloves and hat to school every day during cold weather. Please label the inside of your child’s cold-weather gear with their name.

Oh the weather outside is frightful, 
And the playground is so delightful, 
Wear a coat, hat and gloves everyday, 
So you can go outside and play.
Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!

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From the Music Room
There’s lots of wonderful things happening in the music room this time of year. It can be a pretty busy place with lots of moving parts. Here are a few of the highlights...

- Unit C students are working very hard in preparation for their upcoming program, “Give Us Hope.” The program on January 23 will feature singing, dancing, and instrument work. Unit C students also have been working on expanding their knowledge of solfa and reading music. They are becoming familiar with the solfege notes used in the Pentatonic Scale. Ask your student how many notes are in the Pentatonic Scale :)

- Unit B students are working on many wonderful things. They’ve been making music on 3 of our barred instruments (Glockenspiel, metallophone, and xylophone). They’ve also been preparing a new rhythmic note by tying two quarter notes together and are eagerly awaiting the name of this new note. Unit B also has begun working on identifying two notes used in our solfa system: sol and mi. Ask your Unit B students who the older sibling is, sol or mi?

- Unit A students are making wonderful strides in identifying and showing the heartbeats of songs. Every day we begin class with a heartbeat activity that contains two levels and your students have flourished at that. Unit A also is beginning to work with the idea that silence is a piece of music and know a silly song about a naughty kitty cat that eats some cookie batter that they can show you.

Thanks for tuning in to the happenings in the Ridgeway Music Room!
Sing-cherely,
Ms. Meeds

ABCD Day Calendar
Monday, December 9... C Day
Tuesday, December 10... D Day
Wednesday, December 11... A Day
Thursday, December 12... B Day
Friday, December 13... C Day
Please have your child wear tennis shoes to school the day they have PE.