The Unit C teachers are very thankful for our students and their families. We hope everyone has a wonderful and relaxing holiday week. Next week Unit C students will not receive a To Do List. Students will need to keep working on their November Reading Calendar which is due Friday, December 2. We will have a regular Monday and Tuesday on November 21 and 22.

It is time to start getting ready for the holidays. Unit C’s traditional holiday celebration involves visiting area daycares. On Tuesday, December 20, Unit C will walk to Nora Stewart Day Care and Park Avenue Day Care. We will leave Ridgeway at 10:00 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. 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.

PAPERLESS TOILET PAPER TUBES NEEDED! We are also planning a winter holiday craft that involves toilet paper tubes. If you find yourself with a few paperless toilet paper tubes that you could send with your student to school, we would greatly appreciate it! Happy Thanksgiving!

Principal’s Pen

What routines does your family have in place to encourage reading? Last week, I suggested registering your child for a library card. The next time you visit the public library, try out some different reading areas to find one that both you and your children like. Be purposeful when talking with your children about where and when they read outside of school. Share and model your own reading habits.

Be sure to read the Principal’s Pen on December 2—I will share some of my favorite places to read.
Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!

Thanksgiving Break ~ No School
Wednesday, November 23; Thursday, November 24; Friday, November 25

December 2 ~ Munch and Read, 2:00-2:40 Unit A parents are welcome to join in the fun!
December 13 ~ Winter Choir Performance, 6:30
December 15~ Drama Club Performance, 6:00 Dress Rehearsal, 7:00 Performance
December 20 ~ Unit Parties

January 6 ~ Munch and Read, 2:00-2:40 Unit A parents are welcome to join in the fun!
January 10 ~ Parent Advisory Committee 6:00, PTSA at 6:30
January 16 ~ MLK Day– No School
January 26 ~ Art Fair and Talent Show 5:30-7:00

ABCD Calendar
Monday, November 28 - C Day
Tuesday, November 29 - D Day
Wednesday, November 30 – A Day
Thursday, December 1 - B Day
Friday, December 2 - C Day

Please remember tennis shoes must be worn the day your child has PE.

Ridgeway Choir members who signed up, are performing The National Anthem right before the 3:00 PM start of the MU Women's Volleyball game this Sunday, November 20. Choir members, parents, and guests should arrive at the Fieldhouse entrance on the east side of the Hearnes Center by 2:15 PM. Performers should wear a Ridgeway choir t-shirt.

Specialists’ Corner All of our Ridgeway students and Columbia College students have been busy. Field students have been working with guided reading groups using speaking frames and creating a taxonomy that Focuses on their book topic. A taxonomy is an alphabetical thinking model that helps students began to organize their thoughts about new information they already know on a particular topic. It is a great way for students to incorporate key vocabulary into their writing. Maybe you can do a family Thanksgiving taxonomy next week!

From the Media Center…. Thank you for visiting the book fair last week. We had a great turn out with over $5000 worth of sales! Mrs. Lyman and Mrs. Cox’s classes had the highest percent attendance at 86%. Congratulations to Naomi Emter, Olivia Beucke, and Jerry Wong who won the book basket drawings.

Gadget Management for Parents ~ Columbia Public Library, Studio
Wednesday, November 30, 6:30-8:00 pm
Explore the parental controls on your Apple or Android device, and learn about tools to help you evaluate apps and other media for your family. Please call (573) 443-3161 to sign up.