

Classroom Notes
December 2020

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Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Welcome to almost winter!

I must say, I have missed your children and Ms. Irwin to help me capture the magic of the times. I realize now how much I rely on our class group to stimulate the fun of the season. I would like to remind all of you to sing and play Christmas Carols. Without school and many churches limiting singing this year, it is up to us to carry on the rich tradition of singing. Two of our favorites over the years are:

Jingle Bells:

This is claimed to be the original. Who knew there was a third verse??

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MdBt...>

Frosty the Snowman:

Find the original version by Gene Autry or, of course, Jimmy Durante (who is featured singing in the Frosty movie).

I have heard that at least one family is reading How Winston Delivered Christmas along with me and my grandson, Nicholas. I wasn't quite sure if it would be too old for Nicholas, but have since found out that he loves it! I am getting calls midday for me to read the chapter of the day. Today I am making gingerbread cookies for him to decorate on the next occasion we are together. I made a second batch. I am putting together a cookie tray to send along with the Angel Tree gifts on Monday. If you haven't already done so, please think about a donation to our tried and true effort to spread a little joy to the Phoenix Project. All of the details for giving have been sent out by way of emails from the school. I encourage you to participate if you are able.

I wish all of you happy times until we meet again January 4. If you have any fun stories, songs your children are singing, special books, or holiday tradition pictures, please share them with me. I would be happy to see your children enjoying the season. Please find a good time for me to read to the kids. Mrs. DeMato recorded me reading a new favorite and an old favorite. Stay in touch! Carrie

Christmas Time:

<https://youtu.be/Yh8Ae-9UhTg>

Twas the Night Before Christmas:

<https://youtu.be/T7bhWYyVqLg>