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Important Dates

4th: Kids for Christ @ 7:45 a.m.
2nd - 6th: PTO Angel Tree Drive
5th: 4th Graders go Caroling
6th: Mrs. Gaylor's EL Book Club
12th: 4th Graders go Caroling
18th: Kids for Christ @ 7:45 a.m.
19th & 20th - Early Release Days @ 2:20 p.m.
NO LATCHKEY
20th: Christmas Parties PK - 2nd: 9:30 a.m.
3rd - 5th: 1:00p.m.
Dec. 23rd - Jan. 3rd: Christmas Break
NO SCHOOL



We will see you back at school on Jan. 6th

CIRCLE DRIVE – The circle drive wait time has been substantially reduced since all parents and students have learned the procedures. You can help us speed up our morning drop off even more by doing the following:

**Give your student(s) goodbye hugs and kisses BEFORE you pull up to let them out of the car*

**Have all backpacks, lunchboxes and jackets on your student BEFORE you pull up to let them out of the car*

**Circle drive students are to be DROPPED OFF. If you are needing to walk your child in, please utilize our walk up area on the east side of the building.*

****PLEASE DO NOT UTILIZE YOUR CELL PHONE IN CIRCLE DRIVE****



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Critical Thinking

Critical thinking – the ability to go beyond basic knowledge and consider “the bigger picture” – is a crucial skill for school success. The better students are able to think critically, the more deeply they will grasp new concepts and ideas.

To promote these skills:

- **Let your child figure things out.** Resist the urge to solve every problem. Instead, give them time to work through problems themselves. Give them space to come up with a plan.
- **Discuss current events.** Is there a news story that might interest them? Print out an article and chat about it over dinner.
- **Encourage reflection.** Once your child completes a big project for school, talk about it. Regardless of how the project went, reflecting on the process will help them hone their critical thinking skills.

