



# Front Page News

## Title I Schools Winter Break Newsletter

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## Keep Skills Sharp During Winter Break

Try these family-friendly boredom busters to keep your kids reading, writing and learning all through the winter break.

### Build a “Snow Fort”:

Use a large box or blankets, sheets and pillows to make a cozy nook under a table, between two chairs, or in another fun hidden-away spot. Invite your child to climb in with their favorite winter-themed books and stuffed animals. Let the reading fun and imagination begin!



**Play Games:** Expand your child’s mind while also having fun and spending quality time together. Board Games like Scrabble, Boggle, Battleship, and Monopoly incorporate math concepts, vocabulary, problem-solving, and strategic-thinking. Bring your family together with Family Game Night!

**Go Outdoors:** Kids love to play the game *Red Light, Green Light* and the whole family can join in the fun and outdoor exercise!

### Cook Together:

Reading recipes and measuring ingredients is a fun way to incorporate reading and math while spending time together. Involve your children in baking cookies or bread as gifts for family and friends while practicing valuable skills.



### Write Thank You Letters:

Keep those writing skills sharp by encouraging your child to write “thank you” letters for gifts they received from family or friends.

### Listen to Audio Books:

If your family will be traveling over the winter break, plan to bring along some audio books. Listening to books strengthens concentration and imagination and gives an opportunity to improve vocabulary and language skills. Your local branch library has a wide assortment of audio books available to check out.



### Appreciate the Arts:

Give your child the opportunity to appreciate the arts by attending free family-friendly events like concerts or plays. Museums often have reduced admission days during school breaks. A quick google search will help you find events and activities near your area.

**Visit the Library:** Winter break is the perfect time to read just for fun! Visit the library to stock up on lots of fun reading material and check out your branch’s schedule for children’s story times and family activities.



### Brush Up on Learning:

Students can use the time over winter break to work on skills where they need additional support. Talk with your child’s teacher about ways you can help. Ask for activities or resources that can be used during this time to support classroom learning.