

## January Newsletter

Prek-1st Grade Ms. Caraccio, Principal

January 6
Classes Resume

January 13
No School for Students

January 16-17

IGDI Screener at the Preschool

**January 21-22**FAST Screener at Central



## The Gift of Reading

"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or a duty. It should be offered as a precious gift."

~Kate DiCamillo

**Explore Books:** Visit our Drake Public Library! Give your child a chance to find topics and books that interest them.

## Drake Public Library

Monday-Friday 10:00-6:00 and Saturday 10:00-2:00

Central students are allowed to check out a book from our school library each week. Take the opportunity to read the book with your child and discuss why they chose it!

**Read, Read, Read:** Try to make a routine of reading 20 minutes per day. Children can read independently, aloud, or back and forth with a partner.

Ask Questions: Ask questions about characters, main idea, and the problem/solution. Let your child retell the story using picture clues.

Make It Fun: Read with your child and discuss books. Research topics and do book activities together.

**Be An Example:** Let your child see you read whether it be a book, newspaper, cookbook, etc.

Our teachers love to share ideas and resources on how to help your child develop a love of reading!

Please feel free to reach out to them!

It is hard to believe that we have completed half of the school year. December was an exciting month in our schools! We hope you all enjoyed your winter break!

- The K-1 winter music programs were amazing!
- The Preschool students and families had a terrific time at Family Fun Night!
- The kindergarten students were able to share the joy of the season while caroling at local businesses on the square.
- The Central PTO purchased books for every student to enjoy over winter break. The students also loved walking to the Majestic for a holiday movie.

