



Northwest News

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Avoid Vacation Blahs!

Kids spend so much time gearing up for school vacations, that they often feel bored when they actually arrive. How do parents keep their children busy during Winter vacation? If you are not jetting off to somewhere warmer, here are a couple of ideas that are worth some thought!

1. Make a family tree. Use vacation time to build a family tree that extends several generations.
2. If you want to do something outdoors, try ice skating or sledding. Skating can be fun for the old and young alike!
3. Camp out in your living room. Camping indoors is a fun change of pace for both children and parents. Whether you use sleeping bags and pillows, or an actual tent, you are making memories together!
4. Family Movie Night. Pick an appropriate and enjoyable movie for everyone...set the stage and dim the lights...pop the popcorn and pour the soda...and enjoy!
5. Create a "Restaurant" at home! Have kids design homemade menus – and let them become the restaurant staff as they serve up delicious PBJ sandwiches or pizza!
6. Finger Painting.
7. Play outdoors.
8. Plan a springtime garden.
9. Discover nature. For a budding scientist, winter presents many unique opportunities for exploration!

Library Events during Vacation

- WOW Zone – Teaching kids to save \$\$ (money literacy skills presented by local bank). February 23rd @2pm. Free and open to all.
- Tales to Tails – encourage beginning readers with trained therapy dogs! February 22nd @4pm! Free and open to all!

Upcoming Events

February 17 – Last student day before Winter Vacation

February 20-24 – Winter Break

February 27-March 2 – Dr. Seuss week
March 2 – Dr. Seuss Day

March 6 – STAR student trip to the Field House (ice skating) – helmets required!
March 7 – NW PTC meeting @3:15pm

March 14 – Early Dismissal for students – Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 15 & 16 – No school for students – Parent/Teacher Conferences & Inservice

March 29 – Math Superhero Night @5pm (food and fun provided for all)!!



April 4 – NW PTC meeting @3:15pm
April 8 – Spring Picture Day!

April 16 – 20th – Spring Vacation

April 26 – Volunteer Reception @2pm
May 7-11th – Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
May 7-11th – Kindergarten screening Week

June 5th – Field Day
June 8th – Field Day raindate