



## Stagecoach Elementary

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<p><b>December 2017</b></p> <p><b><u>Dec.7</u></b> Christmas Concert 2:30&amp;6:00</p> <p><b><u>Dec.13</u></b> Great Author's Lunch 11:30</p> <p><b><u>Dec.14</u></b> Title/PTO Winter Wonderland (STEM Night) 5:30-7:30</p> <p><b><u>Dec.18</u></b> Polar Express Family Movie Night</p> <p><b><u>Dec.20</u></b> PBIS Assembly</p> <p><b><u>Dec.21</u></b> Christmas Parties 2:30</p> <p><b><u>Dec.22-Jan.2</u></b> No School</p>	<p>Dear Stagecoach Families,</p> <p>Happy Holidays! We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are ready for the holiday season! One thing I know I am thankful for is the fact that you all have trusted us at Stagecoach to help develop your child socially, emotionally and academically.</p> <p>One of my favorite parts about working at Stagecoach is to see our community gather together and support one another. In November, our PTO and Title committee hosted our annual Chili-Cook Off with our local first responders, Books for Bingo, and Book Fair. Our student council donated books to Young at Heart, started a Kindness board, and implemented our first service project to the Humane Society. This year at Stagecoach we have strong focus on being the best person we can be. We are taking ownership of behavior and our learning by implementing the <i>The 7 Habits of Happy Kids</i>, goal setting, conferencing with our teachers and reflecting on our learning. Your child may have a data binder or a See-Saw account to share their growth with you. If you have any questions, please ask your child's classroom teacher.</p> <p>Once again, I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season as we lead in to the New Year! Please check out the rest of the newsletter for school information including upcoming events (we have music concerts coming up this month), PTO is hosting a movie family movie night, and we will host our Winter Wonderland STEM Night.</p> <p>Happy Holidays!</p> <p>Sincerely, Jennifer Martin-Palacios Principal</p>
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## Stallion Round-Up - Put First Things First



December 7, 2017

Dear Families,

This month your child will spend time learning about **Habit #3 - Put First Things First**. In the third story from the book, *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids*, students learned about Pokey the Porcupine, who **LOVES** to procrastinate. In the story "Pokey and the Spelling Test," Pokey is introduced to six spelling words on Monday. His teacher tells him to study all week long for the spelling test on Friday. Pokey has good intentions to study, but he decides to do other things instead, and puts off studying until the last minute. He crammed for the spelling test on Thursday night, failed the test on Friday, and learned that he needed to put first things first. He learned to study first before he went out to play. He also learned that it feels far better to be prepared than to wait until the last minute and fail.

**Habit #3 - Put First Things First** is the habit of self-management, and taking care of important things first. Stagecoach students and staff will participate in a Stallion Round-Up activity today where each child had the opportunity to listen to a classic folk tale, "The Little Red Hen." The Hen in this folk tale **puts first things first** as she plants a grain of wheat, harvests it, mills the wheat into flour, and bakes the flour into bread. She repeatedly asks other barnyard animals to help her, but they always have an excuse to do other things and avoid / put off helping. At the end of the tale the hen eats the bread herself, as she was the only one who put work before play. She **put first things first** and benefitted by having a delicious, warm loaf of bread to eat and enjoy.

During the Stallion Round-Up activity students created a project illustrating the things that they put first - their personal "big rocks and small rocks." The big rocks represent the important things that must be put first before anything else - they are urgent and cannot wait (brushing your teeth, completing homework, making your bed, etc.). The small rocks represent the things that are important, but are not urgent and can wait (watching TV, playing a game, coloring a picture, etc.).

For tonight's Home / School Connection please encourage your child to retell the folk tale of "The Little Red Hen" to your family (see below for a version of the tale to keep). You may want to talk about ways the moral of the tale, **putting first things first**, can be applied at home, too. Attached to this note is an extra page of "big rocks and small rocks." Please talk as a family and determine some additional "big rocks and small rocks" that are important to your family. Feel free to add these to the project your child created at school today. Please keep this project at home and refer to it as you notice your child **putting first things first**. Thank you so much for your support from home and for fostering the leader in your child!

Fondly,

~The Stagecoach Staff



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SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 Safety Team planning 3:45	5	6 PTO 4pm	7 Christmas Concert 2:30 & 6:00	8	9
10	11	12	13 Spirit Day Wear Stallion gear Stagecoach Great Author's Lunch 11:30	14 Winter Wonderland STEM Family Night 5:30-7:30	15	16
17	18 Polar Express Family Movie Night	19	20 Spirit Day Wear Stallion gear Stagecoach PBIS Assembly 2:30	21 Class Parties Assembly 2:30	22 No School	23
24	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No school	30