



**AIKEN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
January 2019**

“I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE AES”

What's ahead

- Jan. 4: Teacher work day-no class for students;
- Jan. 7: Teachers and students return from Winter Holidays;
- Jan. 11: Student Council Meeting (7-7:30am);
- Jan. 14: Book Talk (11:00am); Arts Committee (5:00pm); PTO Meeting in the Media Center (6:00pm);
- Jan. 16: End of 9 weeks; Marco's Night (4-8pm);
- Jan. 18: Teacher work day – No classes for students;
- Jan. 21: Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday;
- Jan. 23: Early Dismissal; School releases at 12:15pm;
Bag lunches-No visitors for lunch;
- Jan. 24: Report Cards;
- Jan. 25: Breakfast of Champions (8:00am);
- Jan. 28: Boosterthon begins; SIC (3:00pm);
- Jan. 29: Class Pictures; Chorus begins (7:00am);
- Jan. 31: Auvenshine/Walden to RPSC (9:00am).



**Students return to school from
Winter Holidays on
January 7, 2019
Happy New Year!**



**EARLY DISMISSALS
FOR 2019...12:15pm**



January 23rd

February 27th

March 27th

Mark your calendars!

Dear Parents,

Winter break means a well-deserved break from homework and daily obligations. But, before you know it, the holidays will be over and it will be back to school. To prepare for a smooth re-entry and a successful second semester, do not let school skills like reading, writing, and math slide completely during winter vacation. Try these family-friendly activities to keep skills sharp:

- Read for pleasure. Whether your child is in the mood for holiday stories like *The Night Before Christmas* or the newest installment from his favorite series, winter break provides the perfect opportunity to stash schoolbooks and read for fun. Encourage relatives to give books as holiday gifts or gather in front of the fire (big kids too!) to take turns reading from classic tales.
- Cook up an easy lesson. Invite your child into the kitchen to help you whip up a special dish — from Christmas cookies to potato pancakes. All of those half-tablespoon and quarter-cup measurements are great practice with fractions.
- Write thank-you notes. Penning notes of appreciation to gift-givers teaches gratitude and helps polish writing and spelling skills. A mug of hot cocoa can make this task feel more festive!
- Make the most of car rides. Turn the drive to or from a holiday get-together into an opportunity to practice letters and numbers. You can look for license plates from different states, try to find the alphabet on the license plates, or count the number of red (or white or green) cars you see.
- Maintain reasonable bedtimes. With no school to get up for in the morning, it can be tempting to let kids become night owls. A few days before school starts up again, ease back into the regular bedtime schedule so your child can start the year bright-eyed.
- Ask for grocery list assistance. Have your child help choose what to buy, decide how much you need, check your supplies to see what you've already got, write or draw pictures on the list, and sort coupons.
- Have a family game night. Chances are many of your family's favorite board and card games reinforce skills such as counting, reading, and drawing. Gather the group to play games you usually don't have time for on school nights.

Sincerely,

Ms. Cynthia Hewitt, Principal

PTO INFORMATION

January 14th from 6-7:30 pm in the Library/Aiken El PTO Meeting

- All are welcome! We will be working on the Mother Son event, Father Daughter Dance, Boosterthon & more.

January 16th from 4-8 pm/Aiken El Night at Marco's Pizza

- We get 10% of all sales from carry out, dine in & delivery purchases!

January 28th-February 6th/Aiken El Boosterthon Fun Run

- Help us raise funds for new playground & recess cart equipment!

MANY THANKS...

- ...to Tamiko Bryant for coordinating our volunteers for the Winter Book Fair. Thank you, too, to all the volunteers who helped to make the Book Fair a success and all the parents, grandparents & staff who supported it! Funds generated will be used to purchase books for the library & bring authors to our school!