



BELL Academy

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Dear BELL Families,

We hope that you are all safe and well and embracing the holiday season. As we approach the holiday break, we would like to send a friendly reminder of the importance of remaining diligent about safety. The health and safety of our students, staff, and families are our priority. Although many of us are vaccinated, the numbers continue to increase. We remind everyone to please exercise caution and adhere to safety protocols. As members of the BELL Family, we must all do our part to maintain a safe community.

Progress reports were sent home with your child yesterday. If you did not receive a report from your child's teacher, please contact them immediately.

I would like to share a few reminders and updates prior to the holiday break.

- **December 24th – January 2nd: *Schools Closed*.** Classes resume on **Monday, January 3rd**.
- **NO HOMEWORK:** Students will NOT receive homework over the holiday break. Many teachers have resources available in their Google Classrooms, if your child needs materials for practice. Your child is also encouraged to read! Whether it be a book, newspaper, informational blogs, etc., please encourage your child to read!
- **January 17th: *Schools Closed*** in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **January 25th:** Picture Retake Day. Please contact Ms. Lori at LBelcastro@thebellacademy.com with any questions.
- **January 26th:** Last day of 2nd marking period.

On a sentimental note, the BELL staff, who I refer to as the "BELL Family," continue to be touched by the many holiday gestures to help bring us some much needed joy. We are grateful for all of your generosity, and are thankful to share in this time of year with your children and with you. Whatever holiday you celebrate, we wish that you and your families enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season, and are able to safely create many memorable moments. May the New Year bring about prosperity, happiness, and good health to all.

From our family to yours, enjoy a much-needed break. #BELLStrong! #BELLSpirit!

As always, please call the school with any questions.

Thank you,

David Abbott
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