



# Hagood Highlights Newsletter

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## Home & School Connection

Writing That Makes Sense

When a child first learns to write, his/her stories may not always make sense to others. Help your child's writing flow logically with these two ideas.

1. Let him/her read his stories to you. Ask questions to encourage him/her to add information ("What did you do with your friends at recess?") or to clear up a confusing part ("Who said, 'Let's go home – you, or your brother?'").
2. Even if your child isn't writing sentences yet, he/she can tell you stories. He/She might describe the new class pet or something funny that happened at lunch. Your child can practice relating events in a logical order, and that can help when he/she puts his/her thoughts and idea down on paper.

## Dates to Remember

December

1	Progress Reports Go Home
4	SIC Meeting, 8:15am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip – Peace Center
7	Student Council Meeting, 2:30-3:30
9	3-5 Grade Christmas Program, 6:00, PHS
16	GT Field Trip (4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grades) – Biltmore House
17	Student Council Field Trip – Country Santa
18	Half Day for Students; Dismiss at 11:00 Class Parties, 10:15
21-1/1	Winter Break

January

7	Wendy's Night, 5:00-8:00
18	Holiday; No School
21	Report Cards Go Home
25-2/12	Winter MAP Testing, Grades 2-5

## Christmas is Around the Corner

Mrs. Trotter has already sent home information about sponsors for children for Christmas help. If you anticipate that your family may need assistance and haven't returned paper work, please call her at 397-1904 as soon as possible.

## Supporting HES

Please continue to send in **Box Tops & Labels for Education**. All of these donate funds to Hagood to support instruction in our classrooms.

## December Program

The December musical is scheduled for December 9, at Pickens High School auditorium at 6:00 pm. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades will be performing, "The Nutcracker Suite". Mark your calendars for this festive event!

## Classroom Christmas Parties

Class Christmas parties will be held from 10:15-10:50 on Friday, December 19. Parents that are assisting that day will be able to go to classrooms at 10:15. Parents will need to wait in the front lobby until that time. Teachers and students will have instructional time until 10:15 that day. Thank you for your help in making this a special day for Hagood students.

## Early Dismissal—December 18

Elementary schools will dismiss at 11:00 am on Friday, December 18. On December 18, your child will go home the normal way he or she goes home unless a parent or guardian writes a note to indicate otherwise. Please write a note in advance to change transportation and **do not** call the school unless it is an emergency.

## Cold and Flu Season (Be Proactive!)

Cold and flu season is right around the corner. Everyday preventive actions can help slow the spread of germs that can cause many different illnesses and may offer some protection against colds and flu. Try these (and encourage your children to try these) preventive measures as often as possible!

- ✓ Keep up a healthy lifestyle: Get plenty of rest, eat nutritionally balanced meals, and drink plenty of water.
- ✓ Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- ✓ If you do get sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- ✓ Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- ✓ Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- ✓ Routinely clean doorknobs, light switches, keyboards, phones, etc. to remove germs.
- ✓ If your child has a fever, they should not come to school. They are ready to return when they have been fever free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours.

Wishing everyone the best of health this school year!!