



*Wishing you a Wonderful Winter Break
and Happy New Year!*

from Ms. Katie

TJS Head of School

Report Cards

You will find your child's Winter Report Card in their Friday Folder. Our goal is to make student achievement communication regular as well as frequent and meaningful for all families.

The assessment value at TJS is to engage students in authentic assessment opportunities that are diverse, frequent and natural to uncover the students actual skills. These assessments look different than traditional assessments. Students are observed in their individualized learning environment, **presented** skills and concepts at diverse levels and provided opportunities to **engage** in and **practice** these skills until they are able to demonstrate **mastery** of the skill. Teachers guide the students in this process with a keen, expert eye on the pace students should be mastering skills for their individual needs, when students need extra practice or enrichment and when students are able to move to the next skill.

TJS staff enjoys the opportunity to communicate regularly with families on students' progress. Welcome hour has shown to be a great way for families to look at SLC's, to do a shared work with their child, to ask questions and to see what is happening in the classroom. Student-led conferences are another effective way to communicate student strengths and areas of need through the leadership of students in their own learning and goals.

Report cards are yet another mode of communication on student growth, goals and skill mastery. At TJS we do not deem one assessment report to be the best or all-inclusive of your child's full achievement. Each mode of communication should be considered as another piece of the puzzle.

As always...please let us know if you have questions, concerns or want to meet one on one with your child's teachers.

Alley Drop Off(drop off and pick up opportunities)

Just a reminder that parents are NOT ALLOWED to use the alley for drop off or pick up. Please see the reminder below of Drop/Pick up times for TJS!

7:45-8:50: East Main/Alley Entrance Doors open
7:45-8:15am: Breakfast
8:10-8:30am: Kiss-n-Go Drop Off Lane
8:00-8:30am: Alley/Main Entrance Road: Designated Bus Lane (NO CARS OR TRAFFIC ALLOWED)

Luminaria Lighting

TJS Families!

We have the opportunity to GIVE BACK to our amazing 3rd AVENUE NEIGHBORS this season!!! It is now a TJS tradition to set up 1 block of Luminaria Candle Bags on 3rd Avenue.

Please see the sign up to help out. It is a really fun way to get together, give back and it takes very little time! We need about 20 volunteers per task but the more helpers-the faster it will go!

Also...there will be cocoa and cookies! Please see our website and app for the sign up sheet OR just email Ms. Katie at thejuniperschool@gmail.com to help out!!

Storytelling Tradition Schoolwide

We are planning a **schoolwide** Exhibit of Understanding for our current unit on **traditions**. The students will be presenting an important tradition to a mixed age audience using a storytelling format. **Parents are invited to attend**. Please see info letter in Friday Folders

Facility Meeting

The TJS Board of Directors will hold a Community Facility Meeting for Juniper families and stakeholders in order to share the plan for a Forever Home for Juniper, the work of the Facility Committee thus far, and ways you can get involved.

Join Us Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 6:00pm in the TJS Cafeteria.

Important Dates in the New Year!

Jan. 14: 12:30-1:15 Storytelling Round #1

Jan. 15 and 16: 2:15-3:00 Storytelling Round #2 and #3

Jan 16: 1:30pm Fire Drill

Jan 17: Fundraising Meeting 4pm

Jan. 18: PD Day!!!

Jan. 21: NO SCHOOL!!!!

Jan. 22: Behavior Committee 3:30

Jan. 24: Facility Community Meeting 6:00pm

Jan 28: FLC Teacher Ed Symposium (TJS presenting)