



As the winter holiday break nears, I want to wish each of you a happy, safe, holiday season. I know this time of year is a special time to relax and enjoy activities with family. The children did a marvelous job getting us all in the holiday spirit with their performances in both the preschool and elementary/middle school programs in recent days.

Holiday breaks are perfect opportunities to implement some school activities at home. Practical life work, in particular, is designed to appeal to the child's need to contribute and can be done in the home setting by engaging in activities such as sweeping, washing dishes, or preparing food for the holiday celebrations. Sensorial work meets the child's need to explore by using all of his senses and there are many opportunities during the holidays to encourage this work at home. These activities encourage concentration and independence in children.

Winter break is also a good time to encourage your children to read and engage in creative writing. If traveling, encourage older children to keep a journal of interesting places you visit.

While we have enjoyed some beautiful warm weather recently, we know that the "real winter weather" will inevitably appear. Please take a moment to review the Inclement Weather Procedures posted on the JBMA website homepage at www.jbma.education.

I wish you safe travel and enjoyable holiday moments over the next few weeks and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Ms. Rebecca

Important Dates

Friday, December 18- 1:00 p.m. Dismissal- No Aftercare

December 21- January 4- Winter Break (School Closed)

January 4- Professional Development Day (Student Holiday)

January 5- First day back for students