



Petite Ecole Thursday Folder Newsletter

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Thank You to Christine Murray and all the
parents who contributed to Teacher
Appreciation Week!

~From all of us at the Petite Ecole

Dates to Remember:

No School Friday, December 23rd through Monday, January 9th: Winter Break
School resumes on Tuesday, January 10th.

No School: Monday, January 16th, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

Daisy Troop Begins in January

Registration meeting for parents only on Sunday, 1/15/12 1:30-3:00 in the Waldo
Library, Room B

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Points to Ponder with Patty:

In this season of celebration, I am reminded that it is time to stop and reflect upon the lessons learned throughout the passing year and the commitment to never stop learning in the coming year. In 2011, I learned from the geese.

- As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an “uplift” for the birds who are following. By flying in a “V” formation the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone.
Lesson: People who share a common direction and a sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.
- When a lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the point position.
Lesson: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership—with people, as with geese, interdependent with one another.
- The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.
Lesson: We must make sure our honking from behind is encouraging—and always helpful.

Thank you to all the geese (staff, parents and students) that have flown with me in 2011. I look forward to learning from you in 2012.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!