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| December Family Newsletter |
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| **Teton Literacy Center**1715 High School Rd. Jakson, WY 83002[www.tetonliteracy.org](http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=&msgid=0&act=11111&c=391461&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.tetonliteracy.org) T:307-733-9242       |
| Dear Families, Happy Holiday season! TLC fall programs are wrapping up here and we are prepping for our new exciting winter clubs! This month I wanted to write to you about our parent participation day at TLC and give you some ideas of how to engage your kiddos while they are on break. I hope to see all of you at our upcoming holiday party on Dec. 15th at 5:30 at the fairgrounds. It is going to be so much fun! Sincerely, Kristin Livingstone and the entire TLC staff.  |

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| **Parent Participation Day** |
| At TLC we believe that parents are the first teacher. We know that you have so much to offer and teach your children. We also know that you are a huge motivator in your child's life. Your children love to tell me about the things that you have taught them or shared with them. We want to build on this connection, so we have **Parent Participation day!** You are invited to join the last 15 minutes of your child's last day of club. Students have been prepping a short activity for you to participate in! Some clubs will be showing videos, some will have you hopping through laser fields, some may be teaching you a thing or two.  I know that many of you work and have very full schedules. If you cannot make it early, that is not a problem! Your children can share our activity with you at home.  This is going to be a fun 15 minutes where your children get to be the teachers and show you a little of what they have been doing for the past 10 weeks.  Please call, stop by or email me if you have any questions! |

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| **Its Vacation, Now what?!** |

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| **It's all about the Apps** |
| Of course we want our children ouside and playing as much as possible, but with winter weather we know that doesn't always work! Here are some of my favorite educational, free apps that your children will love this vacation season! [**Sushi Scramble**](http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=&msgid=0&act=11111&c=391461&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fitunes.apple.com%2Fus%2Fapp%2Fsushi-scramble-sylvanplay%2Fid813919920%3Fmt%3D8%26uo%3D4%26at%3D10lvk4)OUR FAVORITE GAME!!! Develops language skills through a multiplayer word-building game where 2 to 4 players collaborate or compete to “serve” up the most words or longest word. ([on Google Play](http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=&msgid=0&act=11111&c=391461&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fplay.google.com%2Fstore%2Fapps%2Fdetails%3Fid%3Dcom.sylvan.goog.sushiscramble)) [**Mathmateer**](http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=&msgid=0&act=11111&c=391461&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fitunes.apple.com%2Fus%2Fapp%2Fmathmateer-free%2Fid408770902%3Fmt%3D8)This is a fun game-based way to practice math operations such as: numbers, addition, subtraction, telling time, money, and more. [**Sushi Monster**](http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=&msgid=0&act=11111&c=391461&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fitunes.apple.com%2Fus%2Fapp%2Fsushi-monster%2Fid512651258%3Fmt%3D8%26uo%3D4%26at%3D10lvk4) Lots of levels of math practice in this one — 7 addition levels, and 5 multiplication levels. The goal is to get faster and faster. A sushi monster in the middle of two circles – outer circle have numbers on sushi pieces.  The monster has a number on him which is the target number. Players pick the numbers on the outer circles that either combine up to that number. In addition, if you get it write the monster eats the number, if you get it wrong, you can keep trying. We think this is lots of fun. [**Alien Assignment**](http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=&msgid=0&act=11111&c=391461&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fitunes.apple.com%2Fus%2Fapp%2Fplay123%2Fid500024209%3Fmt%3D8)We think this is such a fun app – you’re sent on a riddle-like scavenger hunt to help the aliens repair their space ship. When you find the items, take a photo using your device’s camera. [**Build a Body**](http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=&msgid=0&act=11111&c=391461&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fitunes.apple.com%2Fus%2Fapp%2Fbuild-a-body%2Fid489938737%3Fmt%3D8%26uo%3D4%26at%3D10lvk4)Another great body app – drag organs to their correct places in the body. If you have the right spot, it snaps into place. Each time you touch an organ, it tells you information about it. Switch between digestive, respiratory, skeletal, nervous, excretory and circulatory systems. A+++ for this fantastic learning app! [**Kids Vocab**](http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=&msgid=0&act=11111&c=391461&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fitunes.apple.com%2Fus%2Fapp%2Fkids-vocab-mindsnacks%2Fid582128594%3Fmt%3D8%26uo%3D4%26at%3D10lvk4)Pick the meaning that matches the vocabulary word. If you don’t answer in time, you’ll be shown the correct answer. I like this feature because then kids will also learn as they play. FUN! [**Highlights Hidden Pictures**](http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=&msgid=0&act=11111&c=391461&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fitunes.apple.com%2Fus%2Fapp%2Fhighlights-hidden-pictures%2Fid460432747%3Fmt%3D8%26uo%3D4%26at%3D10lvk4)Find the hidden pictures. [**BrainPOP Featured Movie – BrainPOP®**](http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=&msgid=0&act=11111&c=391461&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fitunes.apple.com%2Fus%2Fapp%2Fbrainpop-featured-movie%2Fid364894352%3Fmt%3D8%26uo%3D4%26at%3D10lvk4)I’m very impressed with the quality and learning videos – kids love these |

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| Thinking about the holidays  |
| We will not have programming from Dec. 22-Jan. 2nd. We hope you have a wonderful holiday break!If you signed up for winter programs we will see you starting the 5th! |

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| Upcoming Events |

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| **Dec. 15th****TLC Holiday Party 5:30-7pm TC Fair Grounds** |
| Join all of our TLC families this holiday for a potluck with student performances and activities! Students in our clubs are helping create entertainment and tables with fun activities! Get a taste of our drama, grossology, spy and music lyrics, and poetry clubs at the party!  |

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| **Dec. 15-18th****Parent Participation Day** |
| Stop in 15 minutes early during the last week of clubs to participate with your child! Students have been prepping exciting work to show you and activities for you to try! |

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| In the Community |
| **Jackson Hole Historical Society's Olde Tyme Christmas** |

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|  December 11th from 7-8:30pmat The Wort Hotel in the Jackson room- Free Join the Historical society for an evening of holiday stories and joyful music. Go early, save a seat, enjoy old fashioned sweets, warming beverages, Christmas carol chorus and laugh along with JH story tellers!  |
| **Children's Museum's 3rd birthday!** |

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| **Sunday, December 7th from 9:30-1:30pm** **You and your family** are invited to play at the Children's museum for **FREE!**  Explore, create and have fun as a family!   |
| **The Nutcracker at Center for the arts!** |

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| Dec. 6th at 1:00pmAdults- $30Students- $10 After the performance on Saturday, December 6, join DW on stage for a special Meet-the-Characters Tea Party to see the sets and costumes up close and collect autographs from the Characters!   |

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