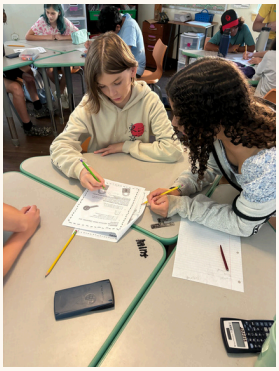
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BOREDOM BUSTERS





Winter Break is a great opportunity for students and families to rest, reset, and reconnect. Long, unstructured days can also lead to boredom. The great news is that boredom is healthy for children and teens. When children and teens learn to address feelings of boredom, they develop critical thinking skills, discover their passions, and develop independence. Click here for more information about the benefits of boredom, and for ideas about how to help your cold navigate boredom productively.

Here are some ideas for fun activities to try when your family gets bored:

- Complete the Winter Break Choice Board on page 3
- Interview family elders about their childhood–if your elders are far away you could do this on Zoom or FaceTime. Questions you might ask include:
  - What were you like when you were my age?
  - What was school like? What did you most and least enjoy about school?
  - What was the silliest thing you did when you were my age?
  - If you could go back and give your younger self advice, what would you tell your younger self?
- Try nature journaling

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 20 Dec-2 Jan: Winter Break
- 3 Jan: Staff workday - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- 14, 15, 17 Jan: HS final exams
- 15 Jan: WINGS meeting, 9am
- 20 Jan: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- High School Exam Schedule
- Academic & Events Calendar
- Who to Contact and When

We look forward to seeing students back on **January 6th!**

THANK YOU, WINGS! YOU MADE US FEEL VERY APPRECIATED!









Thank you, WINGS and PSCS families for the wonderful Winter Staff Appreciation Event.
The cookies were amazing, the set-up was beautiful, and the cash staff gift was appreciated.
You made us feel loved and cared for!
A special thank you to Dana Erato, the 3rd-5th grade room parents and families, and WINGS co-chairs Stephanie Costas and Erin Scheichl for organizing this fantastic event!





Winter Break

STEAM CHOICE BOARD

Keep your child's curiosity and learning alive over winter break with our STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math - Choice Board! This fun and engaging resource offers a variety of hands-on activities that blend creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking. These activities are designed to be simple, fun, and family-friendly, making it easy to keep brains engaged while enjoying quality time together!

Snowflake Art: Create symmetrical snowflakes with paper and scissors.	Build a Snow Shelter: Use marshmallows or sugar cubes to build an igloo.	Design: Design an invention that would solve a winter problem.
Document: The weather and temperatures each day of break and create a graph.	Explore Indoors: Take apart something in your house that no longer works.	Ice Cube Race: Time how long it takes ice cubes to melt in the sun vs. shade.
Take a walk outside and make a list of everything in nature showing signs of winter.	Winter Shadows: Draw shadows of objects in winter light and measure their length at different times of day.	Create a word search puzzle with winter-themed words.