

Sebeka Elementary winter program



Kindergarten class. Sebeka Elementary held their Christmas program on Friday, December 14, 2018.
Photos by Roy Rudderforth



First grade.



Second grade.



Third grade.



Fourth grade.



Fifth grade.



Sixth grade.

The "W" in Christmas

Each December I vowed to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience.

I had cut back on nonessential obligations – extensive card writing, endless baking, decorating and even over spending.

Yet still I found myself exhausted, unable to appreciate the precious family moments, and, of course, the true meaning of Christmas.

My son Nicholas was in kindergarten that year. It was an exciting season for a six year old.

For weeks he had been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant."

I didn't have the heart to tell him I'd be working the night of the production. Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me there'd be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation. All parents unable to attend that evening were welcome to come then.

Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise.

So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in ten minutes early, found a spot on the cafeteria floor and sat down. Around the room, I saw several other parents quietly scampering to their seats.

As I waited, the students were led into the room. Each class, accompanied by their teacher, sat cross-legged on the floor. Then, each group, one by one rose to perform their song.

Because the public school system had long stopped referring to the holiday as "Christmas," I didn't expect anything other than fun, commercial entertainment songs of reindeer, Santa Claus, snowflakes and good cheer. So, when my son's class rose to sing "Christmas Love," I was slightly taken aback by its bold title.

Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright snowcaps upon their heads.

Those in the front row – center stage – held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song.

As the class would sing "C is for Christmas," a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly we noticed her: a small, quiet girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down – totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W."

The audience of first through sixth graders snickered at this little one's mistake, but she had no idea they were laughing at her. She stood tall, proudly holding her "W."

Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together. A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen. In that instant, we understood the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities.

For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear: "CHRISTMAS LOVE."

And I believe He still is.

Holiday

Wish

May the warm glow of Christmas light up your life.

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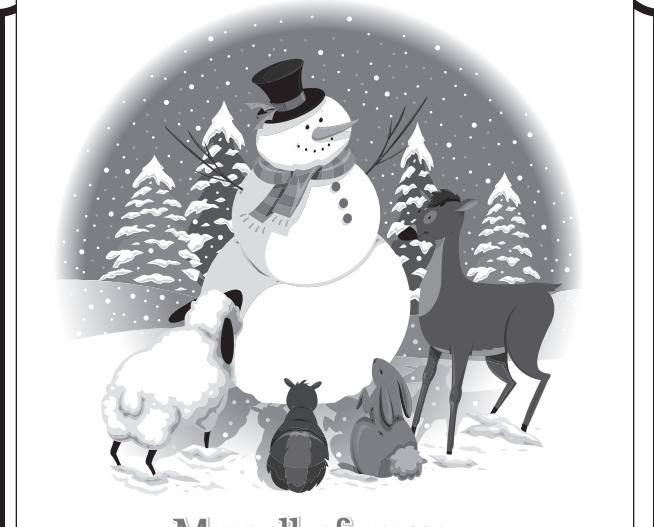
Happy Holidays

Let The Holiday Spirit Ring!

It's the most wonderful time of year to celebrate kindness, friendship and family. We're grateful to have you in our family of customers, and we wish you all the best this holiday season.

Bernice Eckenrode

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May all of your holiday dreams come true!

'Tis the season of wonder, and we hope many wonderful things come your way. May you be blessed with joy, wealth, love and good health this holiday season and beyond. It's been our pleasure serving you throughout the year, and we truly appreciate your kind support. Thanks for helping to bring our dreams of success to life!

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Season's Greetings

This advertisement features a central Christmas tree surrounded by five photographs of Anderson Homes Inc. staff. The top left photo shows the Sales Management & Finance team: Marc Thielen, Alan Saar, and G.P. Anderson. The top right photo shows the Office Department: Elaine Rydell, Barb Parries, and Tracy Hughes, with a note that Ted Thielen and Karen Warnick are not pictured. The bottom left photo shows the Sales Department: Brent Trauger and Joe Paquin. The bottom right photo shows the Parts Department: Steve McGoyne and Paul Rocha. The bottom center photo shows the Parts Department: Randy McFaren and Randy Bakke. The bottom left photo shows the Service Department: Dan Lapping, Chad Mathiesen, Phil Larsen, Derek Frame, Al Poncelet, Scott Evans, Adrian Gapp, Mike Weaver, and Paul Fletek. The bottom right photo shows the entire Anderson Homes Inc. staff group. The background has decorative green and red scrollwork borders.

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