



Llama, Llama Holiday Drama is one of my favorite holiday books. I know it is not one of the "classics", but it is such an accurate depiction of life from a child's perspective. We tend to get so caught up in what we think we have to accomplish during the holidays that we forget what it does to the little people in our lives. Shopping, baking, wrapping, decorating, visiting,.... It overwhelms me! Imagine how our children feel.

When planning for the holidays, keep in mind that children are extremely routine driven. If the things that are being planned are completely turning the day upside down, maybe there is a better way to do things. This is also important when planning visits with relatives and friends. Try to plan around nap and bed time routines. Getting enough sleep will help everyone have a more pleasant time. If dinner time at grandma's is later than your child is used to, pack a snack to hold them over.

Going on a car trip, pack a special bag full of familiar toys as well as some new ones. For older children, hide a new activity in the trunk and have them find it at a rest stop. Also, playing games like car bingo and license plate scavenger hunts help to pass the time for everyone. Again, try to keep as close to your regular routine as possible as it will help your children immensely.

Enjoy your holidays!!



BIRTHDAYS

Naim	12/19
Jesus	12/25

Upcoming Dates

12/19 Family Christmas Party

12/24 Early Dismissal

12/25-27 School Closed

1/1/2020 School Closed

2/17 School Closed/Staff Day



Ways to Help



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TUESDAY™**

What comes after Black Friday and Cyber Monday? Giving Tuesday! Go to our school Facebook page or web page and follow the link to donate. It is that easy!



Already have an Amazon account? Go to www.smile.amazon.com, use your current user name and password and choose One Step Ministries. Every eligible purchase will send money to your child's school.



Look for our Giving Tree in the entryway! The tree will contain tags with items that we would like to have for the school and our classrooms. Just choose a card and return the gift. You can place the gift under our big Christmas Tree in the library.

Referrals

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We have great news! When you refer your friends to Nature's Path Academy, we will give you a \$50.00 credit on your account once they enroll. We can advertise, but the best way for our school to grow is by word of mouth. If you need some business cards or flyers, come see me and I will be happy to give you some to share.



Heritage UMC has an amazing community outreach through their clothes closet and food pantry. We would like to add another aspect to this fantastic ministry by collecting things for children such as combs, brushes, toothbrushes, school supplies, hygiene products, hats, mittens, scarves, etc. There will be a box right inside of the library for donations.