

Falcon Families,

Happy New Year! We hope that you enjoyed your holiday break and got to spend some quality time as a family over the holidays. I wanted to express my gratitude for all of the donations in support of our hat and glove and cereal food donation drive. We were able to donate LOTS of hats and gloves to Colombia Elementary School right here in Jordan School District. Together, we collected over 1,000 boxes of cereal that were donated to the Utah Food Bank. We have the most giving community, thank you for your help and support!

We are excited to get back to our routine and back to learning. Our Golden Gate pledge this month is, "I will be in charge of my own happiness". I love this pledge because it is a skill we need to master even into adulthood! Teachers will be looking for a student who exemplifies our Golden Gate pledge as well as a student who has made significant academic progress to nominate for our Student of the Month award. Please talk with your children about ways that you find happiness and ways that they can too!

During these cold weather months, we would encourage your family to do some reading together. Here are some fun ideas you might try:

- Read a chapter book out loud together
- Turn the closed captioning on your tv and offer an incentive for those who find a mistake
- Have older siblings read to younger siblings
- Read out loud to stuffed animals or pets
- Visit the public library
- Read a book and then watch the movie made of the book, discuss differences

Here are some important dates for you to remember:

- January 17th is Martin Luther King Day - No School
- January 18th is Grade Transmittal Day - No School

We look forward to the learning and growth that will happen at Elk Meadows this coming year!

Best,  
Tiffany Smith