



# Lighthouse Spotlight

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*We prepare our students for college through a rigorous arts-infused*

## Happy Break!

Greetings ECLCS families!

Can you believe that today was the last day of school until 2012? I am shocked that we have already been in school for four months. The 2011-2012 school year is almost half-way over and our scholars have accomplished quite a lot!

Break is an important time for staff and students to relax, rejuvenate, and prepare for the second semester. All of our scholars received a Winter Break packet on Friday, December 16th. Please make sure your child completes the break packet and returns it on Tuesday, January 3rd, when we return to school.

Scholars should also spend the break reading, writing, and practicing math facts! It's important that

students keep up with their learning to ensure they are ready to excel on our January tests (NWEA, Acuity, SRI, and mClass).

We also hope you each have time to spend enjoying on another, celebrating the successes of 2011, and planning for a fantastic 2012! We look forward to continuing to work hard in 2012, which will help your scholars get smart, and therefore prepare them for college graduation!

Have a wonderful break. We'll see you in 2012!

SHINE ON!

Mrs. Ivy Wendell

## Important Dates

**Monday, December 19th– Monday, January 2nd:** Winter Break, No School

**Tuesday, January 3rd:** Students and staff return from break

**Friday, January 6th:** \$1.00 College Colors and Jeans Day

**Friday, January 13th:** No school, Parent Teacher Conferences

## Heard Around Campus

- **MAKE UP DAY!!!** We have scheduled our day to make up the missed day on Monday, December 12th. **We will hold school on Friday, March 23rd.** Please mark your calendars now!
- The December College Cup winners were the scholars of University of Michigan! Congratulations, third grade scholars! The yearly standings currently have University of Wisconsin in third place, University of Illinois in second place, and Valparaiso in first place. We are excited to see classes continue to earn College Cup points throughout the school year!
- Our Family Fun Night was this past Thursday, December 15th. Families had a great time together dancing,

taking pictures, snacking, and spending time as families. Thank you to everybody who came out to participate!

- Second quarter conferences are coming! Our next conference day is scheduled for Friday, January 13th. Please make sure you schedule a time to come, meet with your child's teacher, and pick up their report card. We are excited to share the growth we see students making with families!
- We also do not have school on Monday, January 16th in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Please mark your calendars for this day off as well!
- Scholars– remember to read, read, read and write, write, write over break!

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