

Arizona International Academy Newsletter



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★ "Encouraging the freedom of individual thought and responsible action." ★

December 4, 2009

2009 Christmas Fundraiser products are here!

The Christmas items arrived and are here to be picked up and delivered to those who had placed orders. We also have extra items on hand at the school as we had to purchase by the full carton. We'll keep you posted on what's available after the pre-orders are set aside.

Upcoming Calendar Events

Tonight (Friday, December 4th) - 7:00 PM

AIA will sing at Camelback Church

Address:

5902 E Camelback Rd

Phoenix AZ 85018

480-947-3781

Sunday, December 6th - 7:15 AM

Meet at the school for the Paul Moran Environmental Day Project
(Scottsdale Road Clean-Up)

Thursday, December 10th - 6:30 PM

Christmas Program and Toothpick Tower Testing

Friday, December 18th - Full Day of School

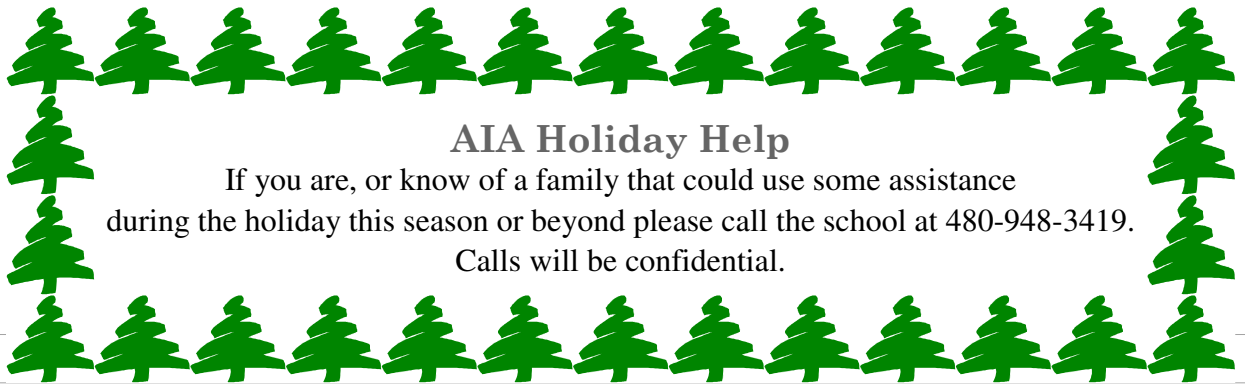
Christmas Lunch, Party & Gift Exchange

December 21st - January 8th

No School - Christmas Break

January 11th, 2010

School Resumes



AIA Holiday Help

If you are, or know of a family that could use some assistance during the holiday this season or beyond please call the school at 480-948-3419. Calls will be confidential.

AIA is Accepting 2009 TAX-CREDITS Donations

The end of our 2009 tax year is fast approaching. AIA is accepting 2009 tax credits donations from now until December 31st. Tax credit forms are available in our school office. All tax credits for this year must be received by the school or postmarked by December 31st. A state tax credit allows you to reduce the amount of your tax liability to the state or can increase your refund from the state. Arizona tax law allows taxpayers a tax credit of up to \$1000 if filing jointly or up to \$500 single.

The One Year Plan

Parent's Guide for Helping Children Succeed in School

by Jim Fay

1. Love and Logic parents remember that parents can't teach for teachers and teachers can't parent for parents. Remember that teachers and parents can't learn for kids no matter how much we love them.
2. Show the same amount of love for your children regardless of their success in school.
 - a. Show sadness rather than anger when they have trouble at school.
3. Expect your children to do their share of the chores at home.
4. Spend some time each day talking with excitement about your work and your day. They will want to imitate you and will soon begin to talk about school and their day.
5. Take turns reading to each other every day.
6. Have your children teach you something they have learned at school. Do this once per week.
7. Encourage your children to do things that "charge their batteries." Encourage them to try many different activities as a way of discovering interests and talents.

The One Year Plan (cont.)

8. Provide a time and place for homework. Expect that they will study. Allow them to study either by writing the assignments or thinking hard about them for a reasonable amount of time.
 - a. If they decide to study by thinking instead of writing or reading, have them think of a plan for explaining it to the teacher.
 - b. Support the teacher to handle this:
 1. Don't fight with children over the homework.
 2. Don't fight with the teachers over the grade or consequence.
 3. Tell your children that you will love them regardless of their grades or the number of years it takes to complete each grade.
9. Don't pay your children for good grades and don't punish for bad grades. Be excited about the good grades and sad for the children about their bad grades.
10. Have your children bring home papers.
 - a. Look at the right answers instead of the wrong ones.
 - b. Don't correct the wrong answers—leave this for the teacher.
 - c. Have your children explain the reasons for the answers being right. If they don't know, give them three choices:
 1. You cheated?
 2. You tried hard?
 3. You are getting smarter in that subject?
11. Expect this Love and Logic program to take about one year before you see good results. Remember that children who have a hard time at school need to get away from it for a while each day. More homework and problems at home about school won't help.
 - a. Don't complain to teachers that they should give this child more homework.
 - b. Use this program instead and you will see amazing results in one year.
 - c. Fight with your children and their teachers about homework and the problem will still be there in years to come.
12. Love and Logic parents remember that highly successful people put most of their efforts into their talents and maintain minimal standards on everything else.

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For more information, call the Love and Logic Institute, Inc. at (800) 338-4065.



What's white and goes up?
A confused snowflake!

What do you call an old snowman?
Water!

What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?
Freeze a jolly good fellow!

What goes: now you see me, now you don't, now you see me, now you don't?
A snowman on a zebra crossing!

What goes ho-ho whoosh, ho-ho whoosh?
Santa caught in a revolving door!

What goes "oh, oh, oh"?
Santa walking backwards!

Knock knock!
Who's there?
Snow.
Snow who?

Snow use – I've forgotten my name again!



Educational Philosophy

We believe that a personal relationship with God is the single most important part of our educational process. We believe that Christian service and sharing the Good News with our fellow human beings is essential in the development of the whole person.

AIA believes that learning must be an active adventure, integrating the spiritual, mental, physical, cultural, and social aspects of life.

AIA believes that parents are the primary teachers in a child's life. We want our students' parents to be actively involved in the learning process that takes place in our classroom. Parental involvement is required.

The AIA learning environment encourages the freedom of individual thought yet at the same time requires the student to take responsibility for his actions.



**Thank you for remembering
to send in the boxtops!!
They are adding up!**

*Train up a child in the way
he should go and when he is
old he will not depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6