

MT. HOREB SCHOOL CALENDAR	
NOVEMBER	
24	EARLY DISMISSAL K-5 @ 1:30 PM All PreK @ 11:40 AM (No PM)
	SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY - Wear your School Spirit Shirt
25 & 26	SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED
DECEMBER	
6	TRIMESTER 1 MARKING PERIOD ENDS
10	SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY
20	REPORT CARDS VIEWED IN GENESIS PARENT PORTAL
23	EARLY DISMISSAL K-5 @ 1:30 PM All PreK @ 11:40 AM (No PM)
12/24-1/02	SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED
JANUARY	
3	SCHOOL RESUMES
17	SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Dearest Mt. Horeb Families,

With winter letting us know that she is close, songs of the holidays already playing, and a selection of holiday items that have been on sale at Home Depot since September, we know the holidays are approaching.

My tendency is to wax poetic when it comes to family and traditions; so as to remain consistent, here goes.

We, the Cookies, tend to start our Christmas movie marathon during the week leading up to Turkey Day. So, one down and so many to go. In the opening scene of Love the Coopers (probably not ideal for our younger audience!) Steve Martin, the narrator, wonders if, while in the moments that will one day be fantastic memories, we are aware that those moments will be just that. Essentially, in 10 years, will we look back on this moment and think of it as the good old days? I hear this concept to mean that we should follow Ferris's advice and stop to look around once in a while because, otherwise, we might just miss it. If your lives are like ours, you're moving at one million miles per hour, doing more in 10 minutes than most do in an hour, getting very little rest, and perhaps missing moments that could one day be our favorite memories. Don't give yourself permission to stop, make yourself stop - I know I have to. Thanksgiving is such a great opportunity to pause that nutty nature of the world that we've created around ourselves and to slow the pace. Eat turkey, play football, be a kid, and try to create a memory that everyone will one day look back on and say, "Remember when dad put his face in the mashed potatoes!?" Perhaps not the best example, but hey, maybe it'll inspire one of you.

Please know that I could not be more proud of our students, our teachers, and our community. We are always working together to ensure that our students are having the childhood that they deserve. I am feeling exceptionally thankful for all that the Mt. Horeb Community has come to represent and for all that we do for our students. Please have an absolutely wonderful Thanksgiving.

Most Sincerely,
Mr. Cook