December

Dear Kindergarten Parent/Guardian,

I would like to encourage each of you to work with your child on tying their shoes

over the coming holiday break. Knowing how to tie shoes is a very important skill for

your child to learn if they already don't know how. I know that the teachers will also

start to grade the students on their next report card on whether or not they can tie their

shoes.

Each day in physical education classes I have been spending anywhere from 3-5

minutes of class time tying untied shoes. Many times this will come when I am trying to

explain a new skill or activity and this disrupts the class. After the Christmas break I am

going to start asking that students tie their own shoes or have a friend tie for them. If a

student's has their shoe untied, they will have time on the side to practice tying their

shoe. My number one priority is safety and having shoes untied is a safety hazard.

I thank each one of you for your time and support in the continuing growth and

development of your child. Have a great break and holidays!

Sincerely,

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