



# DECEMBER PARENT NEWSLETTER

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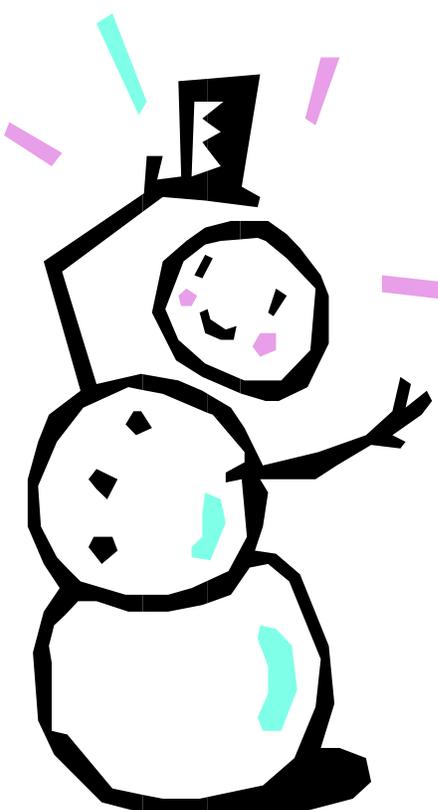
December 2018

## STARS

Parents:

The first semester has flown by in the fourth year of this STARS program. We have grown to over two hundred students this semester. It has been thrilling to watch our program continue to grow and thrive.

Thank you so much for following our procedures for picking up your child. We live in a changing world. The nightly news proves each day that people are increasingly making choices that compromise the safety of children. For this reason we appreciate your support to assure your child the most secure and stable learning environment possible.



No STARS  
December 10-January 11

### After School Program Facts

- In communities today, 11.3 million children take care of themselves after the school day ends.
- Just 10.2 million children are in after-school programs—but the parents of another 19.4 million children say their children would participate in after-school if a program were available.
- Studies show that children in after-school programs do better in school, stay in school longer and have greater expectations for the future.

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**Last Day of STARS**

For  
**First Semester**  
**Thursday, Dec. 6**

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**Second Semester of STARS begins**  
**Monday, Jan. 14.**

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**Watch for News Updates:**  
**Oklahoma Science Museum will be bringing special classes to STARS next semester**

### Research in After School and Your Child's Education

Kids ages 6 to 18 spend 20% of their waking hours in school. How they spend the other 80% of their time outside of school also has a big impact on their success in school, their overall well-being, and their readiness for the future. In a nationwide study of students who regularly attend 21st Century Community Learning Centers, teachers report that: › 65% improved their class participation and homework completion › 57% improved their classroom behavior › Nearly half

improved their math and English grades 60% of Oklahoma parents agree that afterschool programs help children get excited about learning. 65% of Oklahoma parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain STEM-related interests and skills. A 2017 evaluation of Oklahoma's 21st CCLC programs by the David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality found that nearly 2 in 3 students regularly attending the program achieved or maintained a Proficient or Ad-

vanced status on their state standardized tests in reading (64%) and math (64%). Additionally, students surveyed reported that they were able to receive help with their homework in the program and that they felt they belonged and mattered at the program. Parents surveyed reported that the program helps their child to be more successful in school and that their child is having a positive experience in the program.



**Merry Christmas**