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parent service
ORGANIZATION

In lieu of holiday gifts for faculty and staff, we invite all North Phoenix families to participate in this annual holiday giving campaign (formerly Snowstorm).

Show your heartfelt appreciation by contributing a **one-time monetary gift** to be distributed evenly among faculty and staff at our December Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.
Suggested donation: \$55/student

Deadline: November 30th



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ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIVING

Get to Know **Second Grade!**

Ms. Williams, 2A Lead

One experience recently that inspired a **sense of wonder**...

Every time I see a baby, I am filled with wonder. How old is the baby? What is the baby's name? Has he or she started talking? These are the questions I ask, among many others! Usually, I automatically ask to hold the baby and much to my delight, parents often grant me permission!

Favorite **childhood memory**...

As a child, my dad did everything for us kids. I am one of eleven children, and my father has worked hard as a mechanic since he was 16. Obviously with eleven children, there were a lot of mouths to feed and plenty of work to be done. We usually just got by, but as kids we never knew this. We felt like we were the luckiest kids in the world.

My daddy took us to play baseball nearly every weekend for years. It could be 115 degrees but it never mattered. We called the cousins and we met at the field to play ball for hours. I remember my dad teaching me to bat and correcting my stances many times. He also encouraged me to build up my arm, so I could throw straight and fast – sometimes playing “burn out” with me after he got off work. Looking back I realize my father must have been exhausted considering the work he did in the heat, but it never stopped him. After church and brunch, there was always time for baseball.

Ms. Smith, 2A Asst

Grateful to have learned about yourself over the past year...

Over the past year, I am grateful to have learned that the easy way is not necessarily the right or best way. Adversity often accompanies the most important decisions. I have learned that I can endure more than I previously thought I could handle.

Makes you laugh the most... Simply being relaxed and goofy with the people I love makes me laugh the most.

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Ms. Alexander, 2B Lead

Favorite childhood memories... A favorite childhood memory is when my brother and I would go to Coronado, California with our grandparents for a week right before school started.

Favorite subject in school... In school, my favorite subject would have to be math.

Ms. Williams, 2B Asst

Favorite childhood memories involving the holidays...

One of my favorite childhood memories goes back to when I was 13. Growing up in a family of 11, you can imagine that things were tight. The only time I got new clothes was for Christmas or my birthday. Other than that, I wore my sisters' hand me down clothes. So, I didn't have very many clothes that really just belonged to me.

One day while my mom and I were grocery shopping at Sam's Club (one of those rare occasions where it was just she and I), we were looking in the clothes aisle and saw these beautiful skirts! They were so flowy and pretty! My mom grabbed a brown one for me! I was shocked! It wasn't my birthday or Christmas. She said, "You wear all your sisters' clothes. I thought it would be nice if you have something new for yourself." I still tear up when I think of the happiness in my heart and kind thoughts from my mom. I wore that skirt all the time, until it was faded, tattered and torn.

Makes you **laugh the most**... My baby sister.

*"Enjoy the little things, for one day
you may look back and realize they
were the big things."*

- ROBERT BRAULT

Ms. Bixler, 2C Lead

Favorite childhood memories involving the holidays...

I have wonderful memories involving Thanksgiving and all of the major holidays. I come from a family that truly loves the entire family whether we agree or disagree on some things. My family continues to be a huge support.

Describe yourself **as an animal**... Cavalier King Charles.

Ms. Marshall, 2D Lead

Something witnessed recently that reminded you that **life is good**...

For the past several weeks, I have been especially thankful for my 2nd Grade Team! The teachers I work with are kind and hard working women who consistently serve and encourage those around them. When challenges arise, my team never fails to rally around each other with full support. Working with such an incredible group of ladies fills each day with a lot more joy and laughter! They remind me that life is good on the daily, and I am so very grateful for that.

Favorite childhood memory...

I grew up going to the Appalachian Mountains with my family every October. We would go camping and fill our days with hiking and exploring. Some of the most beautiful memories I have are from those trips!

Ms. Sarager, 2D Asst

Something witnessed recently that reminded you that **life is good**...

Every single day as a teacher, I am reminded that life is not good but great! I get to witness little souls every day accomplishing that they have never reached before – whether they are acing a test, comforting a friend, learning to sit next to someone who is bothering them and remain calm, learning something amazing in science and history, achieving the spelling and reading goals through the beautiful agony of Spaulding, or simple things – like watching a boy protect a sweet girl on the playground or inviting the new friend to sit next to them.

Favorite subject in school...

I love, love History. Human nature fascinates me. With every growing generation there is something to be taught. Through stories of love, tragedy and war, we can grow to become better and better.

"History has its truth and so has legend. Legendary truth is of another nature than historical truth. Legendary truth is invention whose result is reality. Furthermore, history and legend have the same goal: to depict eternal man beneath momentary man."

– Victor Hugo