

Alamo Matters

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WINTER FINE ARTS FAIRE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

Come see the many talents of Alamo! Please join us for a day filled with music, art, poetry and more.

Featuring the "Sweet Sounds of Joy" Holiday Concert:

- *10:35am Kindergarten and 1st grade
- * 1:45pm 2nd grade and Alamo Friendship Chorus
- * 6:15pm Pizza dinner in the auditorium (\$4 adults, \$2 children)
- * 7:15pm 3rd and 4th grade Open Mike Poetry Readings in the library and 5th grade "Midsummer's night Dream" in the auditorium

Be sure to visit the open studio in the ceramics room and enjoy the visual art on display in the halls of Alamo. Winter Fine Arts Faire Honored Artists: Kat Senavocal music teacher and chorus master; Sally Doyle- poet with California Poets in the Schools; Laura Lowry- Shakespeare theater specialist; Deborah Hoch- ceramicist; Leslie Laurence- visual artist.

Save the Date!

December 21-January 1th

Winter Break

School Resumes

**Monday, January 4,
2010**

January 8, 2010

**SFUSD enrollment
deadline for those
enrolling in kindergarten
or a new school.**

FOUNDATION UPDATE:

The programs supported by the Friends of Alamo School Foundation are in full swing. Kat Sena is busy singing with the Kinders, 1st and 2nd grades as well as developing the sweet sounds of the Alamo Friendship Chorus. Annie Murphy is kicking it into high gear---getting the 5th graders fit and focused for their fitness testing this year as well as getting all the grades outside to MOVE, MOVE, MOVE before the rainy season starts. Her after school program continues to be a hit for kids and parents - getting that extra hour of exercise in the form of play is a great way to develop a lifetime love of physical fitness. The foundation recently purchased electronic white boards from parent and corporate donations made 2 years ago. We are happy to see the money put to good use! Be on the lookout in your Wednesday envelope for our annual giving campaign. The foundation raises funds through this fundraiser and the auction/raffle in the spring. We count on each and every one of you to support these programs and hope that you can give - even a little goes a long way. Our goal is to raise at least \$30,000 through this direct appeal. We will keep you posted on our success on the bulletin board in the front entrance.

AMAZING ART AND MUSIC PROGRAM:

Visual Art Update: Leslie Laurence, visual artist, has been working with 1st graders for 5 weeks. Enjoy their projects in the halls of Alamo. 3D pizzas by the 1st grade wing makes anyone hungry. This project was inspired by artists Wayne Thiebaud and Claes Oldenburg. They are also working on a "City Skyline" project. In December, Leslie will move to Kinder and they will create a playground collage, a Monet garden collage, stuffed paper carousel animals and water bottle fish projects. Sally Doyle, California Poets in the Schools, continues her fabulous work with 3rd and 4th graders. In the 3rd and 4th grade halls, some of the poetry is on display. Please enjoy!

Laura Lowry, Shakespeare drama, continues her inspiring theater with 5th graders.