

**Dear Parents,**

**Reading with your child is one of the most important things you can do to help your child develop a love of learning. By sharing these extension questions and activities with them, you are helping to engage their imaginations, create opportunities for dialogue and share special moments with your child that will make a lasting impression. Enjoy! Danielle**

### Extension Questions

- ❖ Is it warm during the holidays or cold where you live?
- ❖ What things do you like to do in December?
- ❖ What is your favorite holiday?
- ❖ What is your favorite cold weather activity?
- ❖ What is your favorite warm weather activity?
- ❖ What is something nice you could do for someone else to make them happy?



### Extension Activities

#### Math:

Look through the book and see how many wrapped presents you can find. Count them all.

#### Science:

Eat some ice cream and have some hot chocolate!! How does the cold ice cream make you feel? How does the hot drink make you feel? What happens when you eat something cold? Does your body feel cold too? How about when you drink something warm? Does your entire body feel warm too?

#### Social/Emotional:

Talk about giving and receiving. How does it make you feel to give something to someone else? Help your child look through old books and toys and see if there are a few things you would like to donate to charity. Talk about how that makes them feel and if they are ok giving something away that they no longer need.

#### Art:

Freeze some water in ice cube trays and add various colors of food coloring. Put a toothpick in each one. After frozen take them out and paint with them as they melt.