Hello parents and families! All that I can say is – Where did the time go? It has been amazing to have an opportunity to watch your children grow in yet another semester! I am so very proud of all that our group has accomplished since August. I also couldn’t be happier with the community that they have established. Yay for a successful 2013!

We are in the process of finishing up our STEM rotation, and I must say – it has been a hit! We have built towers and bridges out of just about anything you could imagine. We had an opportunity to build the Eiffel Tower out of Legos, learn about space travel and make our own egg drops; and we still have two weeks left!

You may have noticed some extra faces during our activity time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have been asked to have our program observed by a group from I.U. that is measuring the effectiveness of STEM programming in after school programs. They are wonderful and the kids have enjoyed the extra company.

What do we have to look forward to next semester, you may ask? It looks like we will be focusing on the 2014 Winter Olympics, fairy/folk tales, and possibly perform our own play? I would love to hear any thoughts/ideas you have about keeping the kiddos engaged and their interests.

I know that I write this in every newsletter – but I truly cannot thank you all enough for all of your kindness and support! Clear Creek really has the best families!

Wishing you a very happy new year,

Erin, SAC

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**Winter Party**

It’s that time of year – another party – my favorite party! We will be having our Winter Party on Friday, December 20th in both the AM and PM groups. We will have a movie, some crafts and some warm beverages. I think this week to give you an opportunity to donate if you wish. But again, this is not at all necessary to complete our party! Thank you all in advance!

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**Clear Creek Extended Day**

Early Risers and After School EdVentures

December 2013

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**Gentle Reminders:**

- Winter Party – Friday, December 20th
- MCCSC delay – Extended Day will still operate
- MCCSC closing – Extended Day will NOT operate
- Winter Break – December 21 - January 5th
- Send kids with hats and gloves in the event we play outside