



Dear Parents,

The holiday season is a time of family gatherings and gift giving, of festive food, and decorations. Unfortunately, not every family can enjoy this special time of year. Some face hardships that leave them unable to provide gifts for their loved ones.

As you scurry about, we are asking you to take a moment to think of those who are less fortunate. We are asking you to reach out and brighten the holidays for a special group of children who live in Kentucky, one of the poorest places in the United States. Many families in this area, known as Appalachia, live in houses with no heat, electricity or running water. You can show compassion and bring joy to these children by purchasing a toy for them for the holidays.

Your child's teacher is prepared to receive your donations. All gifts will be delivered to the Delbarton School in Morristown, which sponsors this program known as The Appalachian Project. From there, a group of teachers, students, and parents will drive to Kentucky and hand deliver these gifts to individual families.

If you are interested in participating, **please purchase a new toy for a child, wrap it and tag it. Indicate the age and sex of the child for which your gift would be appropriate.** [No battery operated or electrical toys, please.] We hope you will involve your children with this project. Take them to the store with you to select a gift together. This is a great way to teach compassion and the joy of giving.

All gifts will be collected from Monday, November 21 to Friday, December 2. Toys should be delivered to your child's classroom.

We hope this will be a satisfying and meaningful activity for you and your children.

Thank you,
The Liberty Corner Staff