



## Media Release

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### TAMMARO TIGERS TOP PICKS FOR WINTER BREAK ACTIVITES

Centreville, VA, December 15, 2009 – Second graders at Colin Powell Elementary School have just released their top three suggestions for **Winter Break Activities** for all students at the school.

The class, known as the Tammaro Tigers, created the list by breaking into small groups, brainstorming together, conducting interviews, and coming to a consensus.

This year's top winter break activities are:

1. Play outside and enjoy the cold weather and the snow
2. Come inside and warm up with some hot chocolate
3. Wind down and read a great book

The class, comprised of expert winter break enthusiasts, quickly developed this list based on years of winter break activities. Playing outside was the clear winter break favorite. "You can get together with your friends and have a lot of fun," says Joseph Burton.

The hot chocolate suggestion also met with enthusiasm "because you feel warm when you drink it," says Elena Sanchez, "and you feel sweet too," agrees Renee Ritchey.

And after several days of enjoying the winter weather and indoor treats, the class felt that finding a comfortable spot and reading a great book was the perfect way to end any day. Denise Tammaro, the Tiger's teacher agreed saying, "A great book can take you anywhere." This was a thoughtful suggestion as other activities on the list, but not in the top three, included taking a vacation, and opening holiday gifts. Reading a great book is like opening a present and you can open it again and again.

The Tammaro Tigers are a think tank of 26 second graders who work collaborative to solve problems, improve their reading and math skills, and have a lot of fun. They are lead by their teacher Denise Tammaro who shares her love of learning and fun with them every day.

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