

# Counselor's Corner

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Dear Parents,

*Good-bye 2011...Hello 2012!*

When we return to school it will be a brand new year! Are you ready? I know I am (almost)...so many things I want to finish in this year so I can start fresh January 1!

I have continued visiting the classrooms with our **Character Education** program, and we learned about **Humility**, *Gratitude*, and *Appreciation* in November, and what **HUMBLE** means. (No bragging! *Good sportsmanship!*). Then we made certificates of *appreciation* for other students.

**Our Character Value for the month of December is PEACE!** Talk to your children about what it means to them, and what it means to you, your family and your community.

I have asked for donations for Cambodian children and orphans, and everyone has been so generous! My husband and twenty five of his college students will be going to Cambodia to work with various schools and orphanages over the winter break. Many donations have come in so far, so thank you very much! Please drop items off at your child's classroom or at my office.

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