



# Buffalo Gifted News

December 2017

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



## Upcoming Events:

Last Day before Winter Break	12/22
End of 2nd 9 Weeks	12/22
Winter Break	12/23-01/07
Students Return to School	01/08
Report Cards Go Home	01/12
MLK, Jr. Day No School for students	01/15

This month we introduced **Breakout EDU** to our 2nd-5th grade students. Breakout EDU is an immersive learning games platform. Students use teamwork and critical thinking to solve a series of challenging puzzles in order to 'unlock' each box or level and ultimately solve the mystery. This type of learning promotes...

**Active Learning:** Breakout EDU games give students ownership of their learning, allowing learners to approach problem solving from a variety of ways and apply their knowledge and reasoning skills.

**The Four C's:** In addition to the content knowledge needed to succeed in a specific game, all Breakout EDU games require critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and communication. All skills necessary for success in school and life.

**Cultivating Grit:** A Breakout EDU game provides learners with many opportunities to fail forward. Every unsuccessful attempt to open a lock forces the players to try again.



**WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE, FUN AND RELAXING WINTER BREAK!**

## Gifted Corner

### A Tip for the Holidays

Our gifted children often thrive on routine even if they rebel against it. Understand that their worlds are completely changed for a couple of weeks. They are in school, out of school, back to school again. There are parties and events that might push the limits of their ability to cope whether due to sensory issues, lack of sleep, introversion, or the anxiety that can turn on when routine tapers off. There is often a parade of relatives and friends with whom our children are not familiar or comfortable. Try to provide a few touchstones of a regular schedule throughout the day.

See more at: <http://sengifted.org/archives/articles/parenting-gifted-children-through-the-holidays#sthash.UYao3reb.dpuf>