



Dear families of Storytime Theatre,

We are so glad your child has chosen to participate in this fall's production of **Jingle Bells: The Musical**. Based on the classic song "Jingle Bells," the story recounts a snowy New England winter in 1850. Featuring familiar winter carols and woodland adventures, this story will share NH's long history of sleigh rides.

The children will learn dances, songs, and speaking lines for this show. The production features costumes, sets, lights, and a full performance experience. It will be lots of fun, but please help your child understand it will also be a lot of **hard work and practice** before we get to the big performance.

**First 2 classes:** The 1st class features games that help us form a team; teamwork is essential in creating a successful performance. The 2nd class features auditions that assist the director in **casting the students**. All children will get a part in the play. We discourage switching roles once the play has been cast. Sometimes children do not get the part that they wanted. This is normal and is a learning opportunity to work through feelings of disappointment; remember there will be many more performing opportunities!

**Auditions: 2nd week of classes, September 5th**

Children should be prepared to talk in front of the class about what they like to do in the snow. Children seeking larger roles will also need to sing "Jingle Bells" for the class. We will do this in a playful and comfortable format. Casting is based on both age and ability, but remember... everyone will get a great part!

Performing gives your child confidence and esteem, as well as being great fun! **Attendance is crucial;** if a child does not regularly attend rehearsals during class, they may not feel prepared to comfortably perform. In a few weeks, your child will receive a script, practice CD, and links to the digital music files. The more you can read the script to your child and listen to the CD, the easier it will be for your child during class. More exact details about show times, costume requirements, and volunteer opportunities will follow later in the session.

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Show Week	
Saturday, 1/25	2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal
Sunday, 1/26	11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal
	2:00 p.m. SHOW

Thank you and if you have any questions, just ask!



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