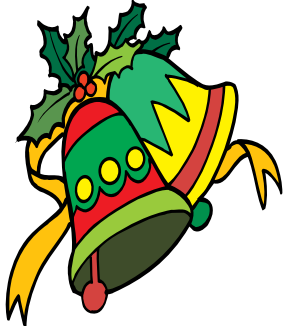
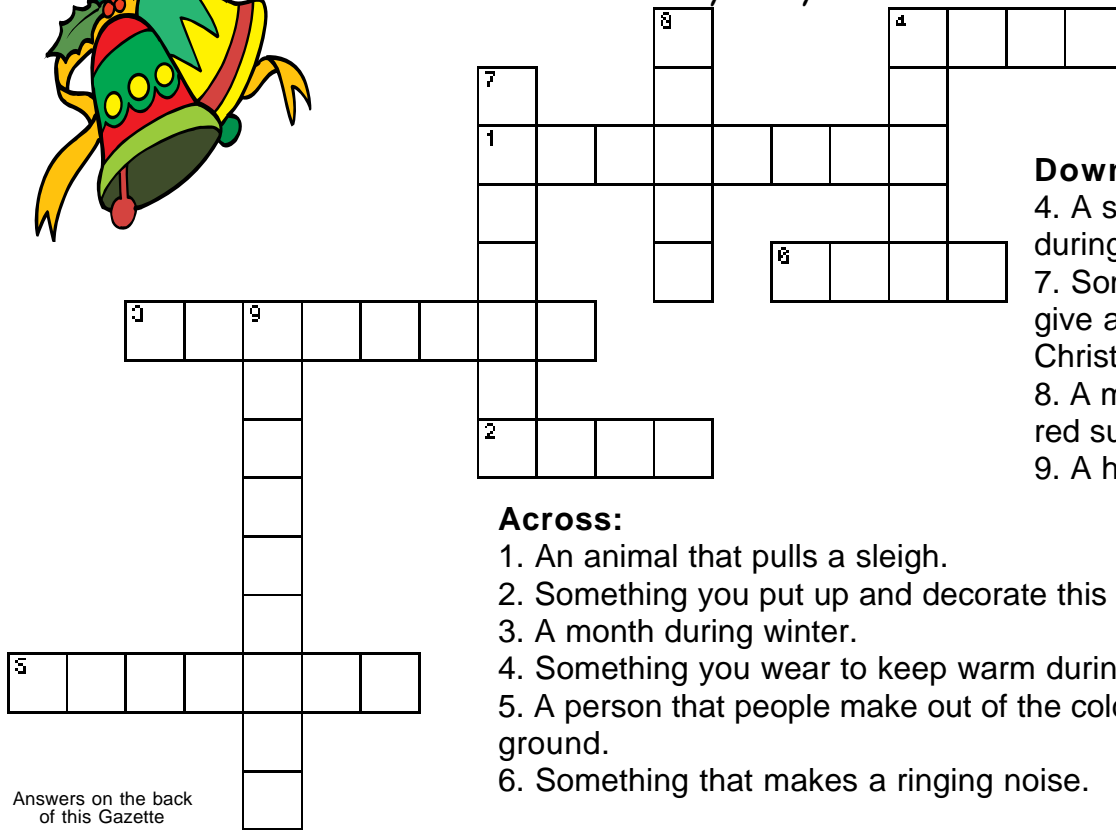




A Christmas Crossword



By: Daisy



Down:

- 4. A song people sing during Christmas time.
- 7. Something you may give and receive on Christmas Day.
- 8. A man who wears a red suit.
- 9. A holiday in the winter.

Across:

- 1. An animal that pulls a sleigh.
- 2. Something you put up and decorate this time of year.
- 3. A month during winter.
- 4. Something you wear to keep warm during the winter.
- 5. A person that people make out of the cold white stuff on the ground.
- 6. Something that makes a ringing noise.

Answers on the back of this Gazette



Kwanzaa

By: Benjamin



Kwanzaa is an holiday that was created in the United States in the year 1966 by Maulana Karenga. It is celebrated by millions of people of African descent. It always begins on December 26 and ends January 1st. The name of Kwanzaa comes from the language Swahili and it means "first fruits of the harvest".

People decorate their home with the seven symbols of Kwanzaa. Families also exchange zawadi (gifts) during this holiday. Kwanzaa has seven principles, which are unity, self-determination, collective work, purpose, creativity, cooperative economics, and faith.



Hanukkah

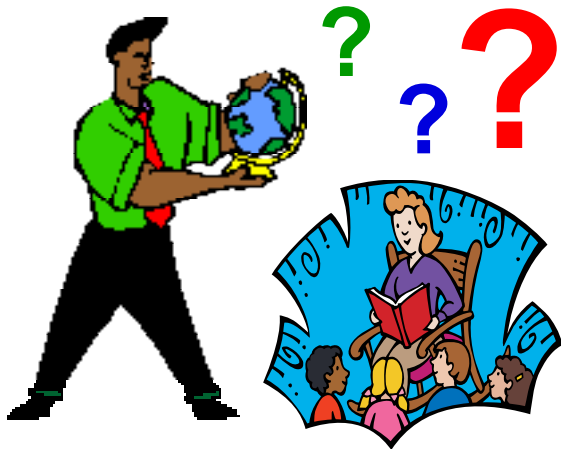
by: Jocelyne



On the night of December 25 this year, some people will not be celebrating Christmas, they will celebrate the first night of Hanukkah. Hanukkah is celebrated by Jewish people for eight days. Candles are put into a menorah. A menorah holds nine candles, one for each night of Hanukkah, plus one candle to light the others.

Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah every December but the dates are always different. Children play games by spinning a dreidle and also receive gifts. Special foods are made for Hanukkah including latkes, which are fried potato pancakes.

Note: There will be no Lunch Drawing in this issue.



Can You Guess The December Mystery Teacher?

by Evelyn

Who is our Mystery Teacher for
the Month of December?

(Question) What college did you go to?

(Answer) Cal State University Los Angeles

(Question) What is your favorite T.V show?

(Answer) I don't have a favorite T.V show

(Question) What is your favorite sport?

(Answer) Soccer

(Question) Who is your favorite singer?

(Answer) Elton John

(Question) What do you like teaching the
most?

(Answer) Every Subject.

Hint: This teacher's last name has
eight (8) letters.

The November Mystery Teacher
was . . . Ms. Valdez

Crossword Answers: Down (4) carol (7) present
(8) Santa (9) Christmas Across (1) reindeer (2) tree
(3) December (4) coat (5) snowman (6) bell

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Holiday Books

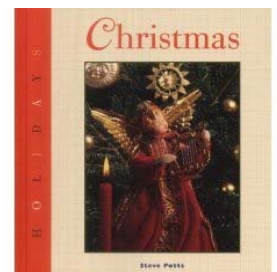
"Books in Our School Library - Part II"

by Susanna

Christmas

by Steve Potts

Part of the Holidays series, this book clearly explains how events during early Christian times gave rise to Christmas. It describes how Christmas is celebrated. It includes directions on how you can make a gingerbread house. The book has several colored photographs. It contains index and glossary. It is a nice book and I hope you have a chance to check it out.



Seven Spools of Thread

by Angela Medearis

This story is about Kwanzaa and how you celebrate it. A boy teaches his whole town how to weave. This story includes information about Kwanzaa. It also has instructions on how to weave a belt. It has a few pages of colorful art. I hope you enjoy reading this book and learn many things from it.



By The Hanukkah Light

by Sheldon Oberman

A grandfather tells his grandchildren a story about Hanukkah. He tells his grandchildren how he experienced Hanukkah in World War II. They live in Europe. The warmth in the family tradition holds them together. This book clearly explains how families can't be separated. This is a wonderful book and I hope you have a chance to read it!

