

Don't forget
to bring a
sack lunch on
Wednesday
December 16!



*Winter
Holiday
Program
Friday,
Dec. 18
6:00 p.m.*

Winter Break

**December 21
through
January 4**

No extended care
the first week.
Extended care will
be offered on Dec.
28, 29, 30 and 31.

Extended Programs Update ...

It seems like we just began the school year—but the first semester is nearly finished! I'm glad that the excitement of the winter holidays has arrived. I also love seeing our students have a blast after school as they socialize with their classmates, study in the library, or just hang out with their "Bigs."

The Extended Day Program is designed to provide care for our students before and after school, as well as on school release days, school vacations, and during the summer. City Academy students can participate in a variety of activities, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, robotics, woodworking, piano lessons, musical theatre with STAGES St. Louis, and homework club.



Extended Day activities include enrichment classes taught by City Academy faculty. For example, from January to March, Mrs. Hynes-Farris will lead a class for junior and senior kindergarten students that will focus on character education (Thursdays, 3:30-4:45).



Building character and promoting positive behavior is an important part of the Extended Day Program. In addition to helping with homework and guiding physical fitness activities, the aftercare staff uses teamwork exercises and volunteer opportunities to teach kids about making decisions that will help them become responsible, caring, and productive adults.

Children are excited about what takes place after school and parents often tell me that they find it very difficult to get their children packed up and ready to go home because of the fun they're having! I'm proud to report that more than ninety percent of our student body participates in the Extended Day Program on a daily basis.

**Anthony Lemons
Director of Extended Programs**