



# Holiday StoryTelling

## Extravaganza

Video Conference Project

### Holiday book suggestions

- **Auntie Claus** by Elise Primavera - When her eccentric Auntie Claus leaves for her annual business trip, Sophie stows away in her luggage, travels with her to the North Pole, and discovers that her aunt is really Santa's sister and helper.
- **B is for Bethlehem and K is for Kwanzaa** –A comparison of two holiday ABC books.
- **Brown Paper Teddy Bear** by Catherine Allison-An ancient teddy bear comes to life one night and takes Jess on a magical adventure.
- **Cajun Night Before Christmas** – a new version of a traditional poem.
- **A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens –**Spanish** & English
- **Guess who's coming to Santa's for dinner?** by Tomie dePaola. A houseful of relatives turns "Mrs. C." and Santa's Christmas into a string of surprises, from the arrival of a pet polar bear to Cousin James B.'s flaming plum pudding.
- **A Hanukkah Treasury** This is a wonderful collection of more than two dozen poems, stories, songs, Jewish history, and recipes. The book was edited by Eric Kimmel
- **How Murray Saved Christmas**, by Mike Reiss
- **How the Grinch Stole Christmas** by Dr. Seuss – English & **Spanish** versions
- **If You Take a Mouse to the Movies** -English & **Spanish** versions by Felicia Bond (Illustrator), Laura Joffe Taking a mouse to the movies can lead to letting him do other things, such as making a snowman, listening to Christmas carols, and decorating the Christmas tree.
- **The Kwanzaa Contest** Ronald competes with his know-it-all older sister for the \$50 prize being offered at the community center's Kwanzaa contest. Will the siblings competitiveness ruin the holiday for their entire family?
- **My First Chanukah** – This simple board book, written and illustrated by Tomie dePaola
- **Noche buena** : Hispanic American Christmas stories /
- **An Orange for Frankie** This heartwarming story about family love and giving is based on author and illustrator Patricia Polacco's own family.
- **Polar Express**, Chris Van Allsburg - English & **Spanish**- In The Polar Express, a boy takes a magic night-time journey on a train to the

North Pole.

- **"Santa's Stuck"** -When Santa becomes stuck in the chimney of a house on Christmas Eve, the dog, the cat, the reindeer, and a mouse try to free him.
- **"Seven Spools of Thread"** by Angela Shelf Medearis - When they are given the seemingly impossible task of turning thread into gold, the seven Ashanti brothers put aside their differences, learn to get along, and embody the principles of Kwanzaa.
- **"Shall I Knit You a Hat? A Christmas Yarn"**
- **Silver Packages** Every year at Christmas a rich man rides a train through Appalachia and throws gifts to the poor children who are waiting, in order to repay a debt he owes the people who live there.
- **Snowmen at Night** Snowmen play games at night when no one is watching.
- **"The Stone Lamp"**"The Stone Lamp: Eight Stories of Hanukkah Through History" combines free verse, history, and art very effectively. A collection of eight poems, each taking place on a different night of Hanukkah and following the history of Jews from twelfth-century England to twentieth-century Israel. Karen Hesse –
- **Texas Night Before Christmas** by James Rice – a traditional rhyming poem
- **The Trees of the Dancing Goats** While preparing for Hanukkah, Trisha and her family learn that many of their neighbors have scarlet fever and have been quarantined. Knowing they won't be able to enjoy their holiday when their friends are too sick to prepare for their Christmas celebrations, Trisha and her family secretly.
- **Twelve Days of Christmas** – Jan Brett – a Math problem solving lesson
- **Welcome Comfort**, by Patricia Polacco - an overweight foster child, befriended by the equally rotund school custodian who heads out of town every Christmas Eve
- **Who's that Knocking on Christmas Eve**, by Jan Brett A boy from Finnmark and his ice bear help scare away some hungry trolls so that Kyri and her father can enjoy their Christmas Eve meal