

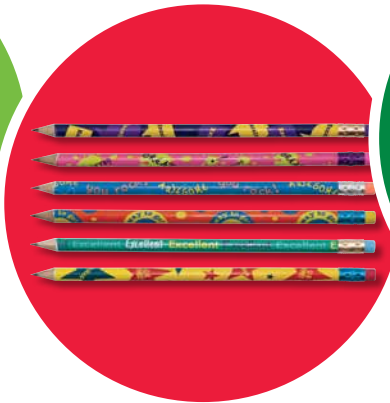
# Teach and Be Merry!

Sail through the holiday season with these timely tips.



## Encourage Positive Student Behavior

Student behavior issues can escalate during the holiday hubbub. To keep behavior in check, give each student an individual incentive chart especially for the month of December, such as Carson-Dellosa Mini Incentive Charts (#310657). Then stock your treasure box with Office Depot® Brand Teacher Reward Pencils (#515659), Fun Fashion Erasers (#381406), and Latex Free Mini Erasers (#523155) for students who fill their charts with stickers before the holiday arrives.



## Squeeze Away Your Stress

Are you--and your students--feeling a little stressed or fidgety during the holidays? Keep an Office Depot® Brand Premium Rubber Band Ball (#644500) at your desk. When you feel your shoulders tighten or when a child just can't sit still, grab the rubber band ball.

## Be Ready to Say Thanks

Keep a stack of holiday-shaped die cuts, such as the Ellison Prestige SureCut Large Mitten Die (#634075), and a Sharpie Gold Metallic Marker (#321226) on hand. You'll be prepared to write a quick thank you note for any holiday gifts you receive. Imagine how great it will feel to have school-related thank yous written and delivered before you head home for the holidays!



## Refill and Replace Needed Craft Supplies



The holiday season is no time to run low on craft supplies. Enlist a parent volunteer to refill classroom glue bottles with Elmer's Washable School Glue (#258359) and to inventory your supply of Nature Saver Construction Paper (#873941), Scholastic Tempera Washable Paints (#290756), and other craft items you'll need for upcoming holiday projects. Let the festivities begin!

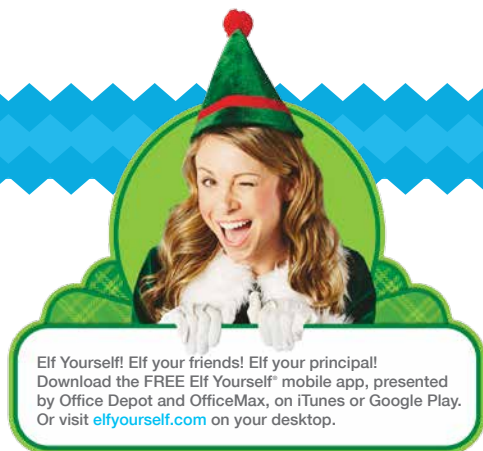
## Prepare for the Unexpected

With special events, assemblies, class parties, and charity drives in December, your school day can get way off schedule. To be prepared, purchase an Office Depot® Brand Ticket Roll (#756131) and label tickets with individual letters. Place the tickets in a container. When you have a few minutes to fill, draw a ticket from the container and read the letter aloud. Ask younger students to name different words that begin with the letter, and ask older students to name content area vocabulary words or book characters and titles that begin with the letter. For a math activity, hand out individual tickets and have student pairs find the sums, differences, or products of the numbers; write inequality expressions using the ticket numbers; or to rearrange the digits to make the smallest and largest numbers possible. Easy!



## Elf Yourself-and Your Colleagues

Don't overlook the benefits of laughter as a December stress buster. For a good laugh that's sure to linger, download the free Elf Yourself® mobile app at iTunes or Google Play, or go to [ElfYourself.com](http://ElfYourself.com). Upload five photos to turn yourself, your grade level team, your principal, and even your class pet, then watch the whimsical holiday dance the newly created elves perform. Share the laughter by posting the customized Elf Yourself video to your class or school website, or send it to parents as a free and fun holiday greeting!



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