



HAPPY HOLIDAYS *from*  Classroom Central



A Special Message from Our Executive Director, Karen Calder: Celebrating and Supporting Educators This December

Wrap Up 2024 with Free Resources for Your Classroom!

As we approach the final stretch of 2024 and look ahead to a well-deserved winter break, we want to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible work you do every day. We know this time of year comes with added weight—lessons to plan, students to support, and so much more. It's easy to feel the strain, but please know that you are seen and deeply appreciated.

You are not only the teachers shaping the future leaders of tomorrow—you are their family. **You build lasting connections with students that shape who they become, offering guidance, encouragement, and care that extends far beyond the classroom.** The impact you have on their lives is immeasurable, and we cannot thank you enough for everything you do.

This December, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your tireless dedication, especially

during this season. We also want to extend a special thank you for fulfilling all of our December Free Store shopping slots in record time—your support of Classroom Central means the world to us.

As we close out the year, we hope this message serves as a reminder of just how much we value you. **We see your hard work, and we are here to support you. You are the heartbeat of our community, and we're so proud to stand by you.**

Thank you for being the unwavering force that helps students not only learn but thrive. **We wish you peace, joy, and rest as we wrap up 2024.**

YOU'RE INVITED



Teacher Facebook Group

Connect with fellow educators, share ideas, and stay in the loop with exclusive updates. As a member, you'll enjoy early access to exciting news, sneak peeks at new Free Store items, giveaways, and special surprises just for you!

We're here to celebrate and support you, and this group is your space to feel appreciated, share wins, and find inspiration. The sky's the limit—but you won't experience it unless you're in it!

Join today and let's make teaching even more rewarding—together!



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TeachPrep



Lending Library
Unlocking Curiosity: Read,

Your New Teacher's Assistant!

TeachPrep is here to make educators' lives easier. It's a handy tool designed to help teachers manage their instructional materials hassle-free. We've got you covered whether you need copies, laminating, or die-cuts.

TeachPrep is about making essential services accessible to teachers and saving them precious time.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

Explore, Discover!

Today's students need more than just pencils and paper to succeed in school and beyond. Classroom Central's Lending Library equips our partner educators with ready-to-use, hands-on resources for success in the classroom.

Classroom Central's Lending Library has Literacy Kits and STEM Kits available.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

Top Shopper of the Month



Ms. Hillman saved **\$1618.61** on supplies!

"You know Maslow's hierarchy of needs? Classroom central is the bottom of that pyramid. CC proves pencils, markers, colored pencils, scissors, glue, paper, and tape for my students to create life cycle models and beautiful pieces of writing.

Not to mention hand sanitizer, incentives for my homework box, and things like



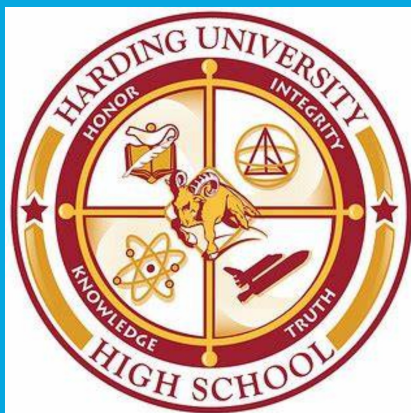
tennis balls that I happen to use on the bottom of my chairs. CC provides so much paper for our many Standards Based Grading artifacts in 2nd grade along with so many standards-based books that I get to handpick and add to my library!

CC takes a lot of the time, money, and worry out of my day - which leaves more time, money, and energy to do cool things like raise quail, hatch butterflies, and create engaging lessons.

Thank you, Classroom Central!!"

-Ms. Hillman
Lowell Elementary, Second Grade Teacher

#1 in Supply Savings Year to Date



Harding University High School offers a challenging program of academic study designed to prepare all students for success beyond high school.

Harding has saved
\$57,187.91
on classroom

Top 5 Schools for December

1. Julius L. Chambers High - CMS
2. Hunter Huss High - Gaston
3. J.M. Alexander Middle - CMS
4. Harding University High - CMS
5. Garinger High - CMS

Top 5 Teachers for December

1. Sydney Hillman - Lowell Elementary
2. Julia Sloyer - Lawrence Orr Elementary
3. Alicia Rivens - Kannapolis Middle
4. Maria Linell Labitad - MLK Jr. Middle
5. Amy Kelleher - Mallard Creek High

The Top 5 Teachers and Schools are determined by the amount of money saved

The Ultimate Winter Break Guide

This month, we're bringing you the ultimate Winter Break Guide—packed with free, relaxing ideas to help you unwind and recharge. You've worked tirelessly with students and tackled endless teacher tasks, and now it's time to focus on *you*.

We see you not just as incredible educators but as individuals with families, dreams, and lives beyond the classroom. **This winter break, it's all about pampering yourself and doing what brings you joy.**



Cozy Indoors

Have a Hot Chocolate Night – Experiment with different toppings or recipes.

Host a Movie Marathon – Watch holiday classics or your favorite series.

Bake Treats – Try cookies, breads, or other seasonal recipes with what's in your pantry.

Create DIY Crafts – Make holiday decorations or simple winter-themed crafts.

Do a Puzzle or Play Board Games – Spend quality time with family or friends.

Outdoor Winter Fun

Take a Winter Walk – Bundle up and enjoy the crisp air at a local park.

Go Ice Skating – Check out a local rink or natural frozen ponds.

Join a Holiday Scavenger Hunt – Create one with family or friends to explore holiday decorations.

Enjoy a Bonfire – Gather around a fire pit with hot cocoa and good company.

Enjoy a Free Holiday Light Display – Many neighborhoods or parks offer light shows.



Relaxation and Self-Care

Have a Spa Day at Home – Treat yourself to a bubble bath, face mask, or mani-pedi.

Try Meditation or Yoga – Use free online videos to help you unwind.

Read a Good Book – Borrow from the library or dive into one you already have.

Take a Digital Detox – Spend a day tech-free to truly recharge.

Write or Journal – Reflect on the year and set intentions for the new one.



Explore and Discover

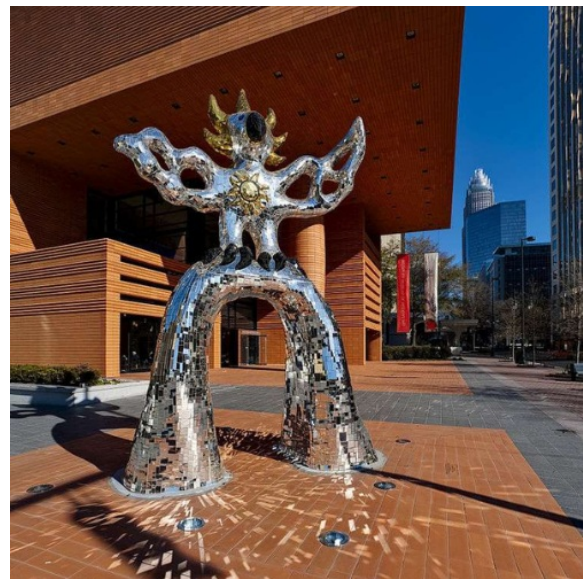
Visit Local Museums or Galleries – Many offer free or discounted admission during holidays.

Go for a Scenic Drive – Explore holiday decorations or winter landscapes in your area.

Tour a Local Landmark – Rediscover something special about your city.

Attend Free Community Events – Check out concerts, markets, or winter festivals.

Try Geocaching – A fun treasure hunt that works year-round.



Quality Time

Host a Potluck or Game Night – Share laughter and food with loved ones.

Have a Pajama Day – Relax with family, watching movies or reading.

Volunteer Locally – Help at a food bank, shelter, or other community organizations.

Make Handmade Cards or Gifts – Add a personal touch for friends or family.

Reconnect with Loved Ones – Use the time to call or visit someone you've missed.

Perks for Educators



Teacher Discounts and Classroom Deals | Coupons, Codes and Giveaways

We know how much dedication and passion you put into shaping the minds of our future generations, and we believe you deserve a little extra appreciation. If you're out shopping, check out [these discounts](#) just for you!

Just for Fun!

Brought to you from truthforteachers.com and rethinkingschools.org



Hilarious Kid Stories Shared by Real Teachers

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"The Best Teacher I've Ever Had" - by Parick Esty

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