

## *Holiday Program*

On many of the days that schools are closed, the Children's Aid Society at P.S. 5 provides a full day of activities for children who are enrolled by their parents. Holiday programs occur on individual school holidays as well as during longer breaks, such as winter and spring breaks. We offer a combination of arts, educational and recreational opportunities. The goal is to help children experience enrichment activities as they gain self-confidence in a safe environment. This allows them to experience positive social and emotional growth.



## *Benefits of Extended Day After School Programs*

After school programs provide an opportunity to extend the school day with continued academic enrichment opportunities, plus a wide range of recreational, cultural, social and personal growth activities.

Since opening its first Community School in 1992, the Children's Aid Society has made a strong commitment to evaluate results through studies conducted by Fordham University, the Education Development Cent, ActKnowledge, and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Outcomes include:

- *Increased academic achievement*
- *Reduction in special education referrals*
- *Improvement in school climate*
- *Improvement in student and teacher attendance*
- *Improvement in mental and physical health*
- *Improvement in social and emotional development*
- *Increased parent involvement and community engagement*
- *Teachers, students, and parents consider the schools "special" and feel they are safe places for children to be.*

