

December 17, 2018

Dear Parents,

I would like to show the movie *Elf* on Thursday and Friday of this week. It is a holiday comedy the is rated PG. The students will answer math questions about different scenes in the movie. This is a nice way to keep up math skills and get ready for winter break. If you give permission for your student to watch the movie, please return this permission slip by Wednesday, December 19th.

Thank you.

Elf Summary: Buddy (Will Ferrell) was accidentally transported to the North Pole as a toddler and raised to adulthood among Santa's elves. Unable to shake the feeling that he doesn't fit in, the adult Buddy travels to New York, in full elf uniform, in search of his real father. As it happens, this is Walter Hobbs (James Caan), a cynical businessman. Walter reluctantly attempts to start a relationship with the childlike Buddy with increasingly chaotic results.

Why is Elf rated PG

Parents need to know that although *Elf* has some potty language and mild swearing ("pissed," "hell," "damn," etc.) and a few references to bodily functions, it's family friendly at its core. Even young kids will appreciate the humor inherent in this fish-out-of-water tale, although some might be upset that Buddy's mother died and that his father never knew about him. The few action sequences (galloping rangers chasing Santa in Central Park, a brief confrontation with a scary raccoon, and some scuffles in a department store) aren't really threatening, and no one is injured. Although the movie is 100% on board with the magic of Christmas, some characters shake their head and roll their eyes at the notion of Santa, and kids talk about the possibility of parents being the ones behind the presents. But the movie's overall message of the value derived from honesty, acceptance, and affection for all humanity is clear and positive.

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I give _____ permission to watch the movie *Elf* in math class.

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