

Happy Holidays

Good morning--

Do you know how lucky you are being able to spend time with my grandchildren?

I told someone the other day that I was glad you were theme to be sort of a surrogate grandmother for me. Though I have to admit I am not sure I like to much surrogating for me. It seems like when we are there we have to sort of snatch at togetherness and then so many other things get in the way.

Anyhow I really am glad you are there for them and particularly for Faye. Thank you very much.

Janis called Monday night and we had a nice talk. She sounded good and talked quite a little about Jane. She is very pleased about your B&B and thinks you will make an ideal hostess.

She told us the women were getting together at Elva's for lunch Wednesday so Bill suggested we call them at lunch time. So we did and caught them just before dessert. Betsy was not there because one or both of her kids were sick. They seemed to be enjoying themselves. Eleanore said Laura's baby is due next week but Eleanore wants her to put it off until after Christmas—Debbie doesn't. Eleanore said she expected 22 people for Christmas—I assume she meant Christmas Day. I am glad it is her and not me.

I thought you would be staying in BR but she said she expected you. Said she had also invited Faye et al.

We pick Billy up at the airport at \$:30 tomorrow afternoon so today I ar cleaning up his room. I have paper stacked on each couch and other flat space. At times like this I think I am too involved, but that feeling does not last very long.

I have just started another project. Teaching English as a second language. A group that I will start with has one from Iran, one from Porta Rico, one from South Koria, and two from Lebanon. They are part way through the course but the funds have been cut off for the teacher and I am volunteering to complete it for her. The Library is the sponsor. It is going to be awfully hard to follow the present teacher and the students may decide to drop out-the Iranian woman told us last week she was thinking of moving to Dallas where her husband and brother are, to save money. But she hates to leave her son here and he is a junior in the college. How about that! The teacher has not bold them yet she is leaving but will do so at her apartment Saturday morning when she plans to sort of entertain and hate a 'conversation' class. It is a good thing that everything is carefully outlined in the teaching guide or I would not even try. We meet for two hours Thursday nights and Saturday mornings. I have gone to two classes and will go tonight. More later on that subject.

Take care and have fun--

Love, Thera