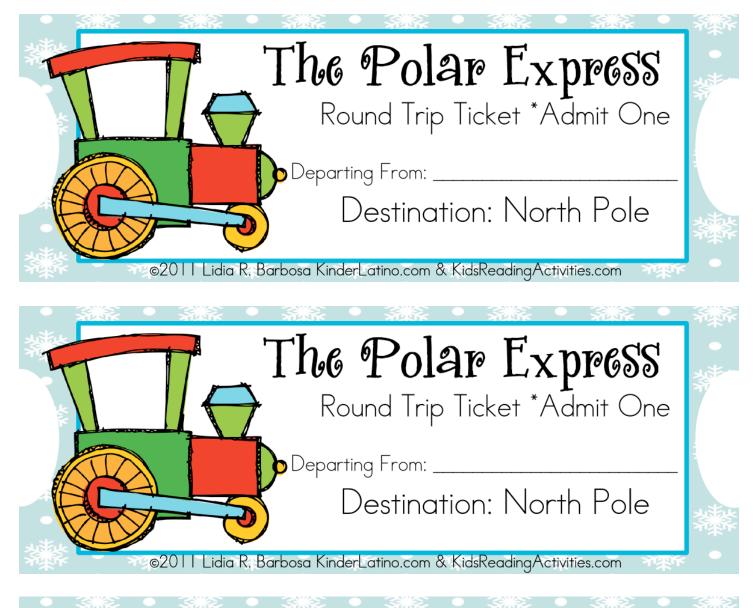


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Kid's Reading Activities

The Polar Express: train tickets

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Directions:

*Ask students to wear pajamas the day that <u>The Polar Express</u> story will be read.

*Give students their own ticket. They will need to turn it in to the conductor of the train (teacher) in order to board. These tickets can be earned throughout the day (or the day before) as students finish an assignment.

*Line chairs in two rows as if students will be taking a train ride to the North Pole.

*Students will line up to board the train. (They must have their tickets ready. It would be very cute if they are laminated. You can also try to add a small picture on the ticket, add some ribbon and voila-- this can become a Christmas ornament for their tree at home.)

*The teacher, or a guest reader can read the story to the children while they are onboard the train.

*Options: 1)Students can drink hot chocolate while the story is read. 2)Have silver bells waiting for them in their desks, cubbies or backpacks. I prefer hiding them in backpacks. Their eyes will light up when they are getting ready for dismissal... they will definitely hear the bells jingle! What a treat before going home, right?

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