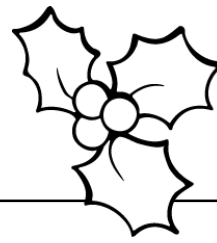


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Le mot du professeur...

December is finally here and the countdown to Christmas has officially begun. We have an advent calendar in the classroom for counting the days (and for learning probability and patience!). This month we will be enjoying activities related to Christmas. Students will also continue to work on reading, writing and 'rithmetic throughout the month. They will be able to practice their oral French by singing traditional carols in French and a number of other Christmas songs. It will be a busy month filled with holiday themed work and various fun activities.

Rappels ... Reminders...

- **Communication:** If you have any questions or concerns please send me a note in your child's agenda.
- **Dressing for the weather:** The winter weather is on its way and the students will be required to wear their coats outside for recess. Please make sure your child is properly dressed for the cold weather. Keeping an extra pair of socks, pants and mitts in their backpacks is a great idea for those extra-snowy and cold days. Please be sure to write your child's name on all of their outdoor clothing so that we can ensure that these items do not go missing.
- **Sweaters:** As the weather becomes colder, so does our classroom. Please send a sweater/sweatshirt with your child to wear during class time.
- **Running shoes:** The students have Physical Education on Day 4, and Daily Physical Activity on Day 1, 2, 3, 5. It is "a must" to wear running shoes while at school every day.
- **Agendas:** Our class is doing very well at bringing their agendas every day! Please initial the page when you read it together.
- **Pencils:** Students are welcome to bring their own pencils to use at school.



I would like to wish all our grade one families a very healthy and happy holiday season!

Bonnes fêtes de fin d'année et Joyeux Noël !



Mme Gorecki



Curriculum...

French	Our work in December will include lots of holiday vocabulary. We will also work on prepositions of place (on, under, etc.) When we read a book to the class we are learning to retell the story. You could do this too with all the books you read in English or French at home. The skill of using words from the book to tell the story is the same no matter what the language! Our Montrer et Raconter (Show and Tell) presenting an animal is going very well. Your child may bring something to show on their 'Calendar' day. Stories written in French are also always welcome. This routine will continue with the same theme in January.
Mathematics	We will continue to work on Number Sense, counting to 70, grouping by 10's and 1's, and also composing and decomposing numbers to 20. Composing and decomposing numbers means more than just adding and subtracting by rote. We use a 5x2 grid called a ten-frame to show the numbers, and use the words 'de plus que', 'de moins que' to talk about more than and less than. We will also have a unit of Geometry, comparing 2-D and 3-D shapes. There will be lots of opportunities to consolidate the learning we've done in Patterning and with Graphing.
Arts	<p>In Visual Arts, we will work on a variety of Christmas themed crafts.</p> <p>We have our Drama/Dance/Music exchange on Days 3 & 5. The students will meet Mlle Bailey, who is in for Mme Strickland, for Dance on Day 3. They have Drama on Day 5 with Mme O'Brien.</p>

At home...

Please encourage your child to focus on these writing rules while writing at home:

- * I finish my sentence with a period (or other punctuation).
- * I begin my sentence with a capital letter.
- * My letters touch the correct lines.
- * I write with a pencil.
- * I use an eraser to fix my errors.
- * I use my finger to make spaces between words.
- * I write my name on my work.

