



December News



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Dear Parents,

Can you believe that December is here?!?! It is only 23 more sleeps until winter holidays! The excitement and spirit of Christmas is beginning to hit Room 3 full force! The students are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our classroom elf. When he or she arrives the students will name him/her and the fun will begin. Our past elves have proven to be very mischievous, and lots of fun. Please have your child tell you about our daily adventures with our new friend beginning tomorrow (Dec.1).

We are currently working on procedural texts in language. Procedural texts teach us or tell us how to do something. The students will be reading procedural texts, as well as writing their own procedures. Christmas time is a fun time to be talking about procedures as there are lots of crafts and traditions that we can describe.

In social studies we are putting the final touches on our family trees. Everyone is doing a fantastic job! Next we will be learning about winter celebrations, including Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, St. Lucia Day, and Christmas. We will also learn where such Canadian traditions as decorating Christmas trees, displaying poinsettias, hanging stockings, and eating gingerbread originated. I love this unit as it involves lots of games and crafts, which is perfect for this time of the year!

In math, we are working on place value. This unit contains a lot of important concepts like comparing numbers (ordering, greater than, less than, equal to), writing numbers in various forms, as well as building numbers using various manipulatives such as base 10 materials, 10 frames, etc. Grade 1 students will be working on numbers from 0-50, while Grade 2 students will be working on numbers to 100. We will move into adding in January. We will start with basic fact strategies with everyone, then move onto 2 digit addition with and without regrouping with the Grade 2's. Although I will be teaching the Grade 2's the 'traditional' strategy of column addition, we will start using alternative strategies, so that students are able to choose the strategy which makes sense, and works best, for them. The 100's chart will be a very helpful tool for both of our math units.



Lastly I would like to thank Mrs. Wooten, your child's music teacher, for all of her hard work preparing the students for the Christmas Concert. Mrs. Wooten has asked that your child wear 'dressy' clothes for the concert. Maybe a dress, skirt, dressy pants, and/or a favourite Christmas sweater. There will be 3 performances for our Christmas concert - Wednesday @ 1:30 and Thursday @ 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. Ticket information will be coming home in the next few weeks. **If your child is unable to attend the Thursday night performance could you, please send in a note in his/her agenda so that Mrs. Wooten has time to adjust the student's places on stage?** Thank you in advance for your assistance with this. ☺

I hope that everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year! I'm sure I will see most of you at one of the concerts.

Merry Christmas everyone!
Suzie Johnson

