



December News

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Dear Parents,

It is crazy to believe that we are already at the beginning of December. I hope that you and your family have a wonderful holiday season together. We will be busy working on our song and dance for our Christmas concert. We look forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas Concert performances. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me through note, remind, or phone.

Thank-you,

Carrie Fenyves

Special Events:

1. December 12th – Grade 3 Pioneer Trip to Wilson MacDonald School – all day
2. December 20th – Christmas Concert at 11:45 and 6:30
3. December 22nd – Christmas Spirit Day / Christmas Party

*** Please note that students return back to school on January 8th. ***

Have a safe and relaxing holiday season with your families! ☺ See everyone in the New Year!

Math: We are continuing to work through our Measurement unit. Each grade has been working towards understanding linear measurements (mm, cm, m, and km) and can determine what objects we would measure using each unit. We are finishing up our section on perimeter and then will begin understanding the purpose of area. As a final culminating activity, students will be constructing a robot out of grid paper, where they will be required to find the perimeter and area of each body part.

As a class, we play 'Around the World' quite often to build on student's mental math. 'Quizzing' your son/ daughter on a regular basis will encourage growth and confidence in this area. Your child should be familiar with adding and subtracting by their doubles (2+2, 4+4), 10's (44+10=), 25's (125+25=), 100's (330+100=).

Language: During the last week, our focus has been procedural writing. In groups, students are in the process of writing step by step instructions on "How to Play Tag". Next week, students will begin writing their own "How to ..." on something that is relative to them. For example, build a snowman, ride a bike etc.

In January, we are going to begin a unit on letter writing. We have pen pals with a grade 3 class from Brantford. Your child will have the opportunity to write back and forth to that particular student throughout the school year.

In reading, we are continuing to work through out unit on Text Connections, specifically looking at text to self, text to text and text to world.

In December, we will be completing a media unit centered around the Holiday season, where students will have the opportunity to plan and create their own toy geared towards a target audience.

I am in the middle of re-testing everyone's reading level and will update you if there is a change in your child's reading level. Thank-you for taking the time to read with your child every night and encouraging your child to read on Raz Kids or their Home Reading Program. I have already begun to see a growth in their overall reading capabilities!

Social Studies: We are well into our social studies unit. Our focus has on Ontario. We have looked at different types of maps and their purpose. I.e. population density, street maps, google maps and began learning about different communities/ towns found throughout Ontario. Our latest focus has been on the physical regions found in Ontario – Canadian Shield, Great Lakes/ St. Lawrence Lowlands, Hudson Bay Lowlands, and the types of jobs associated with each region. (I.e. forestry, mining, fishing).

To date, we have received three postcards as part of our Canadian Postcard Exchange. Our postcards were sent out earlier in the week to different Ontario communities. The students are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our remaining 20 postcards.

In January, we are going to be sending out additional postcards to 10 Canadian towns as an opportunity to learn about other places throughout Canada.