

Jan. 12

Skating 9-11 a.m. (Need helmet + gloves)

Jan. 22

P.D. Day (no school for students)

Jan. 26: Family Skate Night @ Hillier (hot chocolate will be served)

Feb. 13: Pancake Tuesday (**Council needs more volunteers for this event, which is why this is on the January newsletter. If you or a relative is able, let me know and I'll forward your name to the appropriate people).**

Notes & Reminders:

- Several students are leaving the class many times per day for sips at the water fountain. If possible and you haven't done so already, please send your child to school with a refillable water bottle to keep on their desk in order to limit the interruptions to their learning (one that closes securely as it's tight in our room and may get bumped).
- Indoor shoes are a must at school. We do have a large carpet in our room that we use daily and wet boots cannot be on it.
- **Please continue to initial or sign your child's agenda nightly.**
- **Gym will continue to be on Days 1 & 5.** Students need to have **appropriate footwear** and **additional athletic clothing** at school for physical education classes. Students are encouraged to have a deodorant stick at school for after gym or outdoor play. No aerosols or scented sprays/perfumes please.
- **Next skating date: February 14th**
- **Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home February 15th.**

Grade 5 Newsletter

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Welcome back!

I'd like to start by saying that I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break. Also, in case you didn't receive the notes I gave to the students thanking them for their thoughtful gifts to me, I'd like to say thank you once again. I really did feel spoiled!

Language & The Arts

In Language we are starting some novel study work on the book Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt. From here, we will move into our unit on point of view. In dance, we will work on developing a short dance using an 8 count beat that was learned for our dance for the Christmas concert. In Art, we are working on our architecture skills with our town art.

Math, Science & Physical Education

In Math, we are beginning our unit on Measurement. This will include learning to tell time on analog clocks and using the 24-hour clock, understanding elapsed time, counting money, and understanding volume and capacity. Knowing how to tell time and count money are particularly important life skills. Reinforcement of these skills at home will only add to your child's understanding in class. In Science, we will be finishing our unit on the human body systems. Look for a quiz date to be set soon for later in the month. This is a heavy unit so nightly reviewing of systems now (their functions and major parts in particular) would greatly benefit students.

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I have read and received the January newsletter with my child.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____