



Grade Two News- December 2018

In Language: All students are working on developing their reading and writing skills. We will continue to work on learning vowel combinations and consonant blends in spelling/ word work and reading. Home reading is an excellent way to practice your child's reading abilities. Please listen to your child read 10-15 minutes a night or read to them for 10 - 15 minutes.

“Reading aloud is widely recognized as the single most important activity leading to language development. Among other things, reading aloud builds word-sound awareness in children, a potent predictor of reading success.”

In Math: Students are working on comparing and ordering numbers to 100, as well as developing their fluency with adding and subtracting facts to 10. By the end of grade two students must be able to **mentally (without manipulatives) add and subtract numbers to and from 10**. Students are also continuing to practice a variety of ways to show numbers to 100, using place value blocks, expanded form and ten frames. For extra math practice please have your child choose a math site from our webpage, pesgrade2.weebly.com, under 'helpful sites'. Students are also continuing to work on building and identifying Increasing Patterns and writing the pattern rules.

In Science: We will spend our science classes in December designing, building, and testing our model boats. This is always a very popular activity for the students, and a unique way for them to demonstrate all that they have learned about liquids, buoyancy, and boats. The kids will bring home a project outline sheet soon, and this will provide an explanation of the purpose of the project as well as some design/ building suggestions. **Students will be asked to bring in some recycled/ craft materials to use in building their boats.**

In Social: We have completed our journey to Iqaluit, Nunavut and have begun our adventures in **Meteghan, Nova Scotia**. Students enjoyed taking 'flight' to Meteghan, Nova Scotia.. We are learning about the **Acadian people and culture**. Ask your child if they remember how to say hello in the French language.

! Dec. 20 The last day prior to Christmas break students will participate in an exciting **P.J. day**. Students are invited to wear their PJ's for the day. We will participate in a variety of math and language activities connected to Christmas stories. We will enjoy school wide Christmas carolling at 9:00 am. We will have our December assembly at 11:00 am the same day.

The grade two classes will be going skating as part of our Phys.Ed program in the new year. Please start thinking ahead and making arrangements so that your child has skates and a CSA approved hockey/skating helmet.

Christmas Break

Don't forget there is **NO SCHOOL** from Friday, Dec. 21, 2018 - Friday Jan. 4, 2019



Christmas Concert



Our grade 2 Christmas concert will be held in our school gymnasium, on Wednesday Dec. 19, 2018. There will be **two performances** for you to choose to attend (both shows are the same) - one in the morning at 10:30 am and one in the afternoon, at 1:30 pm. Be sure to mark your calendar for this exciting event.

The grade twos theme for this year is: "A Rocking 50's Christmas with Elvis Presley"! If any families have "Elvis" outfits or other suitable costume ideas/materials that you are willing to share, we would really appreciate help with that.

On Dec. 20 the last day before Xmas break, students will enjoy a fun Christmas lunch as a class. Each afternoon class will invite 6-7 students to bring a healthy snack to share during our special lunch. Please watch for a note in your child's agenda.

Christmas Gifts

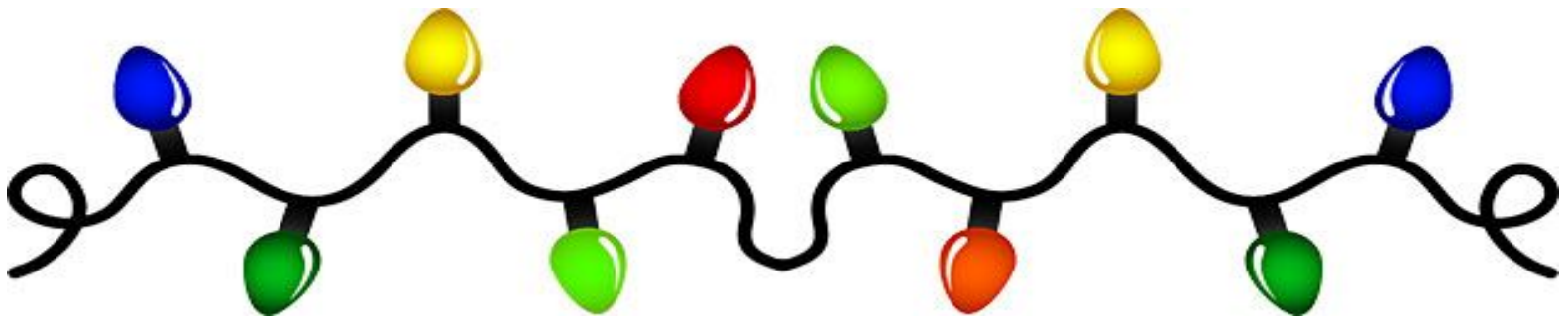
Christmas is fast approaching. Traditionally this time of year revolves around gift giving, including to the teachers. While we truly value this token of appreciation, we are all EXTREMELY fortunate to have our needs and wants taken care of, so this year we are asking that you refrain from sending in gifts. As an alternative you can choose to send in an item for the food bank. We will use this opportunity to talk with the students about giving back to our community and the concept of volunteerism. On the last day of school we will drop off the items as a donation on behalf of our Grade Two classes. Thank you very much!

Winter weather has arrived!

We feel it is necessary for the children to go outside during the day, and so unless the temperature is below -20, we ensure the students go outside for recesses. The children need to be properly dressed to be outdoors. This includes warm winter boots, ski pants, a heavy coat, toque, and mittens. Please help your son/daughter prepare for the weather by checking that they have the appropriate clothing each day.

Computers

We are very impressed with how well most of the Grade Two students have been working during computer time. Students will be using the computer during a variety of classes (Math, Social, LA, Science). As a class we will be working on Digital Literacy and Citizenship (internet safety: never give out personal information to strangers, not talking mean to others, telling an adult if you feel scared, nervous, etc) but you may wish to discuss this at home too. Media Smarts is a great link (<http://mediasmarts.ca/digital-media-literacy/educational-games>) that has more information and educational games for students to play surrounding digital literacy/citizenship.



December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 <i>New date for Portfolio conferences 3:30 - 7:00pm</i>	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 <i>Christmas concert am & pm</i>	20 <i>PJ day School Assembly (11:00 am)</i>	21 <i>Staff collaboration day (no school for students)</i>	22 Christmas holidays
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Return to school Jan.7</i>