

January Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!! Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas holiday with their families.

Language Arts

Reading: Thank you for continuing to encourage your children to read every night! Please remember to ask them questions about what they are reading to help them improve their comprehension skills.

Writing: We will be continuing to write in our journals usually everyday (unless there is another writing task they are working on). To help your child, please brainstorm journal ideas in the evening before bedtime or in the morning before school. This will help your child get started right away. We will also be starting story writing this term, with the assistance of Mrs. Humphrey!

Fry Words: We will continue to work on Fry words during this term. Please continue to practice the word lists at home. Remember to return the list back to school when they are mastered so that we can check your child's instant recognition of them and then move them onto the next set of lists.

Words of the Week:

January 9th-13th: help, city, write, top, room

January 16th-20th: under, fast, hill, know, use

January 23rd-27th: let, place, sleep, love, much

January 30th-February 3rd: stay, name, new, paper, rain

Math

Before the break, we began learning about **Measurement** and how to use a ruler to measure various objects. We will continue with this unit for a couple more weeks and then we will begin our next unit: **Patterns**.

Science

Before the break we had started our new unit: **Hot and Cold Temperatures**. Students began to learn how to read a thermometer and what different temperatures mean. We will be continuing to learn how to read a thermometer and then recording degrees Celsius on a thermometer. Some extra focus at home on reading temperature would really help!

Social Studies

We are continuing to discover more things about the four communities in Canada. Discussions at home about Red Deer, Iqaluit, Bouctouche and Regina would really help the children deepen their understanding.

Grade 2 Bucket Filler Assembly

Every Grade is responsible this year for organizing the monthly Assemblies. This month, Grade 2R, 2HD, 2F and 2G are in charge! Please join us if you are able to on January 24th at 12:30pm!

Scholastic Book Orders

I will be sending this month's book orders home once they arrive. They are due back on **January 20th** (unless otherwise stated on the actual book orders). If you wish to order, please make your cheque payable to **Scholastic Canada Inc.** or use the online payment system I have set up for our classroom. If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Friend of the Week

Our Friend of the Week will be continuing this term. Please check your child's agenda to see when it will be their turn. Names are typically drawn every Wednesday, in order to give enough time for the next friend to prepare.

Important Dates for January:

January 9th- Hot lunch (Subway)

January 12th- Epiphany Mass @ St. Mary's Parish, 10:30am-11:30am

January 14th- Holy Family School Mass @ 5pm please join if you can!

January 16th- Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza)

January 20th- Family Movie Night

January 20th- Book Orders Due

January 23rd- Hot Lunch (Booster Juice)

January 24th- Bucket Filler Assembly (Grade 2 team hosting)

January 24th- Spirit day (dress up as your favourite career)

January 25th- Career day (whole school) 12:30-3:00pm

January 27th- Family Ski Night

January 30th- Hot Lunch (Dominos)

January 31st- PD DAY (NO SCHOOL)