

# December News

## Classroom Letters

*We have been working hard at our letter writing skills. The students recently wrote and posted letters to the North Pole. We are very excited to receive a response from Santa Claus! To support our learning at school, have your child write a note to a family member in your Christmas cards. This will give him/her extra practice at this important skill!*



## Reading Comprehension

*As your child continues to develop his or her literacy skills, it is important to note that reading comprehension is just as important as decoding. Competent readers not only sound great, but can comprehend what they have read. To improve comprehension, we are currently using a 5 Finger Retell to analyze the Setting, Characters, Problem, Events and Solution at the Guided Reading Table. Reading fluency can also help to improve reading comprehension. At home, encourage your child to avoid "Robot Reading."*

## Christmas Concert Attire

*Our grade 1 class is busy working on our performance for the Christmas concert. Madame is spearheading student practices as she delivers the music curriculum to the Grade 1s. On the night of the concert, boys can wear blue jeans and a white, grey or black top. If your son has a tie to wear, that would be great! Girls can wear dresses or a skirt. If your child has a Santa hat from the Dollar Store, please send them with it! Other than that, there is no dress code for the concert, this is only a suggestion. It is not necessary to buy your child a new outfit!*

## Religion

*During the month of December, we will be focusing on Advent and the true meaning of Christmas. Students will explore the weekly themes of Advent, Hope, Faith, Peace and Joy. On Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, our primary division will be having a prayer service. A few Grade 1 students will be reading. All parents are welcome.*



## Math

*We are wrapping up our unit on Data Management and will move on to Measurement. Students will be measuring and comparing lengths using non-standard units such as snap cubes, erasers, paper clips, etc.*

*To help your child at home, please practice the following skills;*

- Skip counting by 2s, 3s, 5s, 25s and 10s*
- Skip counting by unfriendly numbers, for example, 5, 7, 9, 11*
- Review mathematical language such as shorter and longer as it pertains to measurement*
- Find areas in your home that are covered in tiles such as the kitchen floor. Ask your child to count how many tiles are in an area.*
- Find a household object such as a spoon and ask your child to find objects that are shorter than, longer than and about the same length as that object.*

## Important Dates

*December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Primary Advent Prayer Service at 1:30 pm in the gym*

*December 12<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Concert at 6:30pm*

*December 14<sup>th</sup>, Turkey luncheon*

*December 21<sup>st</sup>, the last day of school before the Christmas Holidays*