



December News From the Grade 2/3 Classroom – Mrs. Savaria

Progress Report Interviews – Thank you to parents who participated in progress report interviews. It's always rewarding to discuss with parents their child's academic strengths and progression in school.

REPORT CARD ENVELOPES - Many of these envelopes have not been returned. These envelopes are used for all three reporting periods and must be returned to school. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Our school Christmas Concert will be held on December 12th at 6:30 pm. We are singing "Must Be Santa". Our music/arts classes will consist of practicing this song and attaching dramatic movements to specific lyrics in the song. Please ensure that your child wears a Santa hat, or Christmas themed colors on the evening of the event. Students may also wear a Christmas scarf and or Santa hat/reindeer antlers to go along with the spirit of Christmas if they would like.

INDOOR SHOES – It is recommended that all students have indoor running shoes. These shoes are to remain at school and are not to be worn outside. Shoes being worn outside can track mud and dirt into the gymnasium which can become a safety hazard. With colder temperatures, it's a good idea to wear boots outside and keep running shoes indoors at school. Thank you for your cooperation.

SWIM TO SURVIVE- All students have successfully completed Swim to Survive lessons. Certificates will be sent home with suggested entry swim levels if parents choose to sign their child up for swimming lessons in the winter registration block. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to assist in the family change rooms. Your help was much appreciated.

LITERACY – Letter writing to Santa Claus and developing reading responses with more detail to using various text materials (shared reads, nelson literacy program which is also integrated into social studies)

SOCIAL STUDIES- Grade 2 – Celebrations and Traditions/Mapping

Grade 3 – Pioneer Settlements and Aboriginal Studies

MATH– Continue to work on Number Sense concepts with addition and subtraction with regrouping and money concepts with making change using open number lines and counting up. Measurement concepts in capacity, and mass. (Grade 3). Grade 2's are developing concepts in telling time, counting money, and making change. They continue to work on distributive properties and using open number lines to solve addition and subtraction problems. Data Management – Gather information, take surveys, tally data and graph results using all elements of a bar graph/pictograph

Math Tip: At home/car rides/out shopping.....spruce up your child's math by using skip counting to count objects shopping or play games in the car. Work on skip counting forward and backward by 2's, 5's, 10's, and 25's using friendly and unfriendly numbers. Also, use money concepts when doing Christmas shopping such as rounding to determine how much money is needed to make a purchase or get change back.

RELIGION - Advent studies and Christian Meditation. Advent celebration to take place with Father John on December 13th at 11:15 a.m.

Dates to note for December:

Feast of St. Nicholas – December 6th

Feast of Immaculate Conception – December 8th

Advent Prayer Service - December 13th at 11:15 am

Christmas Concert – December 12th at 6:30 pm

Christmas Luncheon - December 14th

Hotdog Day/treat day/PJ Day – December 21st

Pizza – December 11th and 18th

Subway – December 13th

Pita Pit – December 20th

Westfield Trip 2/3 and ¾ - December 18th

Last Day of School before holidays – December 21st.

Wishing all families a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Mrs. Savaria