



# December Newsletter



Dear Grade One Parents/Guardians,

We're almost at the end of Term One and I'm so proud of how far the children have already come! The support you've given them at home really pays off.

As we approach the Christmas season, our days continue to get colder. Please dress your child warmly as we are outside for recesses and dismissal time. Since our school has ramps and our playground can be slippery, it's important that their school shoes and PE shoes have proper grip.

Due to the pandemic, our annual Christmas concert will not be presented live. This year, the school is offering a pre-recorded performance on a USB, so if you have ordered one, please stay tuned! (A Remind was sent out and orders were due on November 26<sup>th</sup>).

December is one of my favourite months during the school year, as it's filled with the celebration of Jesus' birth, the Christmas play, winter art, and so on. This month, we will be exploring the following:

<b>Language Arts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reflect and respond to our favourite part of a story</li> <li>- Sequencing a story in 3 or 4 parts</li> <li>- Sight words in the form of in-class learning as well as spelling tests</li> <li>- Continuing and reviewing their letter sounds with a strong focus on vowels</li> <li>- Consonant-vowel-consonant words</li> </ul>
<b>Math</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identifying and creating patterns</li> </ul>
<b>Religion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding why we have the seasons of Advent</li> <li>- The importance of Jesus' birth</li> <li>- Themes of Trust and Faith from Joseph the Carpenter</li> </ul>
<b>Science</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The importance of weather and the 4 seasons in the Indigenous community</li> </ul>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand our role in the neighbourhood communities</li> <li>- Think of ways in which we can help the less fortunate (integrated with Religion)</li> </ul>

Important dates to remember:

<b>Wednesday, December 1</b>	Musical Recording Day 2 – Wear Christmas Colours
<b>Friday, December 10</b>	School starts at 10:00 am
<b>Wednesday, December 15</b>	Whole School Mass
<b>Thursday, December 16</b>	Misa de Gallo School Mass
<b>Friday, December 17</b>	12:00 pm dismissal Christmas break begins!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Retuta