

January Newsletter

Dear Grade One Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed the snow. I can't wait to hear the stories your children will tell about their holidays! Although the classroom routines will be slightly different due to health and safety measures, I want to make sure that your children feel happy and safe in my classroom. I'll check in with them every so often to see how they're doing.

As we start a new year, the month of January will close off Term One. This means that report cards will be given out at the end of the month (see calendar dates below) and will entail important progress about your child from September to January. There's a lot of time and room for added growth after this term and all of the children are showing their skills each day.

A few reminders and important details to note as we start this New Year:

- **Planners:** Please remember to check the plastic pouch of your child's planner and take any items out so that the pouch isn't overflowing. Their spelling tests, permission forms, Scholastic orders, etc. are put inside and are meant to be kept at home unless they specifically ask to be brought back (ex. signed forms, money, etc.)
- **Student of the Week:** Every week, each student (in alphabetical order) is tasked with the role of a leader where they lead the line-up, perform Calendar routines, and bring the attendance. Starting next week, we've made our way back to the start of the class list. A special poster presentation by the Student of the Week will be added to our routine. Every Friday, the upcoming Student of the Week will receive instructions and a layout to be used for their poster that talks about them! They'll present this to the class and share important facts about them. Again, more details will be in a letter that will be sent home in their planner on the Friday.
- **Uniform:** Our winter has been very cold, so please remember to layer your children with warm clothes and proper footwear for both indoor and outdoor. There's plenty of space in the coat room for them to keep their boots. I've also told them that they can wear their coats or sweaters if the classroom gets too cold. We have to keep the windows open at all times for health and safety reasons.
- **I'm A Gift from God:** This program is part of Term 2 but will start near the end of the month. A more detailed letter explaining the program and what's expected will go home later in the month.

In January, we will be exploring the following:

Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflect and respond to our favourite part of a story - Sequencing a story in 3 or 4 parts - Sight words in the form of in-class learning as well as spelling tests - Consonant-vowel-consonant words - Blending words
Math	- Simple addition building (Term Two)
Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The story of Creation and how we are made by God - I'm A Gift From God program (Term Two)
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Day and night - Sun, moon, and stars
Social Studies	- Share knowledge about the community

Important dates to remember (these dates may change depending on circumstances):

Monday, January 10	Students come back to school
Friday, January 14	8:15am mass (Kindergarten & Grade 1)
Monday, January 31	Report cards distributed

Sincerely,
Ms. Retuta