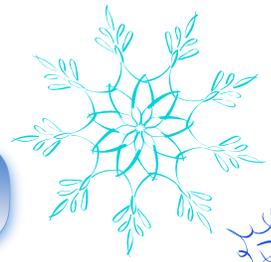


January 2020



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Happy New Year! Firstly, a big "thank you" to all of you for your generous Christmas gifts! I hope you and your families had a wonderful break and are now ready to get back into the school routine. We have lots to look forward to and we are gearing up for a very busy month! Students are asked to remember to bring their Home Reading books back to school the next day and to always come to school prepared.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs. Lancaster

Reminders:

1. Water bottles should only be filled with water (not juice, chocolate milk etc..)
2. Please sign student planners daily.
3. Speech Arts practice will be in full swing soon! A copy of our class poem "There's Only One You" will be sent home very soon.
4. Please don't forget to sign up for Student Led Conferences and send in your SeeSaw form if you haven't already.
5. Please remember to pack all clothing items on days when the students have P.E! This includes socks.
Thank you.
6. All toys should be left at home! (Except if it is their turn for show and tell 😊)

Reading and Spelling

The expectation is that your child will spend approximately 10 minutes each night practicing their spelling words. Additionally, students will continue to take home a book appropriate to their reading level every night. My hope is that students will develop their sight word vocabulary and fluency, but most important will develop their love for reading. Please remember to record each book in their Home Reading Log!

We will continue to work on writing complete sentences that make sense, with capitals, periods and finger spaces. Some students are ready to add more detail into their writing. We will be working on "How To" writing in January and learning about transition words.



Mathematics

In January, we will continue to build our number sense with numbers 1 - 100, identifying the number that comes before and after, counting by 10's from any given number (ex. 38, 48, 58 etc...) and will also begin doing addition and subtraction (numbers up to 20). Please continue to point out numbers and equations to your child daily! If you're able to practice simple addition and subtraction equations at home, that would be a great way to compliment what we're learning in school.

Religion

We will continue to pray every morning, lunchtime and afternoon, and concentrate on offering up special intentions for others. We will begin the *I'm A Gift From God* program, which teaches children that their bodies are gifts from God. The program is designed for the prevention of sexual/physical abuse towards children.

Theme Work

In January, we will be concentrating on *Winter, Diversity in Communities and Matter*.

