

December - Kindergarten Newsletter

K1 = Mrs. Nielsen K2 = Miss Laczo K3/K4 = Mrs. Ell & Mr. Goutsis

Monthly Goals

- ★ I can tell about how I am unique
- ★ I can share about my holiday traditions
- ★ I can identify letters and their sounds
- ★ I can subitize numbers 0-5
- ★ I can recognize and print numerals 0-5

Language Arts - We will be sharing the story The Gingerbread Man and many other versions of it. The students will work on retelling this familiar story and sequencing the main events.

We appreciate your continued support in helping your child practice the letters and their sounds we are learning with the Jolly Phonics program. To supplement with this, your child can have fun with the following website: www.starfall.com. We will continue having the students use their journals this month to practice proper pencil grasp, printing their name, copying text, directed drawing activities, and representing ideas. There will be a focus on holiday words and traditions this month.

Math - Subitizing will be continued. What is subitizing? It is being able to recognize numbers at a glance without counting. For example, recognizing how many dots are on dice (without counting them of course). Numbers 0-5 will be our starting point. We will also be working on recognizing and printing 0-5. Dice games, board games that involve the use of dice and counting, and card games help utilize and develop this skill.

Science - Students will conduct a Float & Sink experiment and record their results in their journals.

Social Studies - Watch for information being sent home later this month in regards to an upcoming project that connects with our topic of being unique. Students will be asked to create an 'All About Me' quilt piece at home and then share it at school. Sharing will happen in January.

Gingerbread Cookies

On Dec. 12 & 13 we will be having our Gingerbread Make & Bake day!

We will need 1 or 2 parent volunteers from each class to prepare gingerbread cookie dough. We will need 1 or 2 volunteers from each class to help students that day to make and bake the cookies. We will then freeze the cookies until our Cookie Decorating event later in the month! We will need 2 parent volunteers to make icing for our decorating days on Dec. 19 & 20. Please reply in your child's agenda if you are able to volunteer for making dough/icing or to help in the kitchen. The students will decorate their cookies on Dec. 19 & 20

Thanks in advance!

Also, by December 19 & 20 please have your child bring a small container of decorating items (small candies, sprinkles, licorice, chocolate chips, etc.). No nuts please! They only need to bring enough for their own two cookies. Please make sure your child's name is on the container!

Report Cards / Envelopes...

Thank you for taking the time to read through your child's report card and talking to your child about his/her progress so far. We also explain how report cards work to our students and want them to understand that everyone has strengths and also skills to keep working on. No one is perfect! If you have questions or concerns about your child's report card, please contact your child's teacher and she will make a time to connect with you.

PLEASE RETURN JUST THE REPORT CARD ENVELOPE so we can reuse them for the rest of the school year. The report card is yours to keep.

Thank you!

Winter weather...

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the winter weather and help them develop their independence by having them learn to dress themselves. Please check the lost and found periodically for any missing clothing items. To avoid them getting tossed in there in the first place, please have them labelled so we can easily figure out who they belong to. Double check that your child has a change of clothes in their backpack for unexpected accidents or if they end up cold and wet after recess. Remember that your child is only allowed to bring crazy carpets for sledding at recess (no other sleds or toboggans).

Thank You

- We appreciate your cooperation in having your child enter and exit through the North Kindergarten doors independently when possible.
 - Thank you for letting us know ahead of time of upcoming absences for your child, bussing changes, and early and late drop-offs and pick-ups.
- A huge thank you to all of you who got a chance to watch your child participate in their swimming lessons at the pool and who were able to help the kids in the change rooms! It was a big help! We feel that the program ran very smoothly. *Any concerns about the swim report card need to be directed to the swim instructor.

Upcoming Events:

- **December 3&4 - Report cards go home**
- **December 7 - No School**
- **December 12 & 13 - Make & Bake Gingerbread cookies!**
- **December 17 - Wear Red & Caroling in the gym @ 2:25pm**
- **December 18 - Wear Green & Caroling @ 2:25pm**
- **December 19 - Dress Christmasy & Caroling @ 2:25pm**
- **December 19 & 20 - Decorate Gingerbread cookies!**

- **December 20 - Wear CES shirt to support Grade 1's for their Concert!**
- **December 21 - PJ day & Caroling @ 8:45am**
- **December 18 & 19 - Scholastic Book orders due**
- **December 22 to January 6 - Christmas Break**

K2 & K4 Library - Tuesdays

K1 & K3 Library - Wednesdays

Please read the December Message from Superintendent, Kurt Sacher by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.carstairselementary.ca/view.php?action=object&id=87943&stream=Homepage%20News>

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of our kindergarten families! We hope you have a safe, joyous and memorable holiday season.