

January - Kindergarten Newsletter

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

Monthly Goals

- ★ I can recognize and name the sounds of letters (Jolly Phonics program)
- ★ I can share 'All about Me'
- ★ I can count, recognize and make sets of numerals 1 to 10
- ★ I can sequence events of stories in order

Language Arts - Our focus is to share winter stories and have the kids retell and sequence the events using books like The Snowy Day, The Hat, & The Mitten. We'd like to incorporate a research project based on the animal characters in the story of The Mitten.

The Jolly Phonics program will continue. Thanks for helping your child practice letters and their sounds at home. We're noticing the progress! We will be starting an online home reading program in February called RAZ Kids. Watch for logins, passwords and a letter all about it later in the month.

Math - We will now work on recognizing, building, drawing, and printing numbers from 0 to 10. The kids will continue subitizing numbers 1-5. Subitizing means being able to recognize numbers at a glance without counting. Kids can practice this with dice or playing cards. A recommended App is: dominoes easy match (free). Playing good old Snakes and Ladders, Crazy 8's, Uno, War, and Dominoes are also great ideas!

Science - During centre time we will introduce the concept of magnetism and then conduct a class experiment to demonstrate and record our results in our Journals.

Social Studies - We will continue on our 'Me' Unit with the sharing of the 'All About Me' quilt and 'All About My Name' projects. A sheet of construction paper and a separate note with details on these at home projects will be sent home prior to the Christmas break.

Kindergarten Spring Concert

Our Kindergarten Concert will be held on April 17th (M/W classes) and April 18th (T/Th classes). It will be an afternoon performance @ 2:00 in the gym. We wanted to let you know enough in advance so that those of you who require time off to attend can make arrangements!

Something to think about...

Mrs. Gardner could use some parent volunteers for our Decorating Committee. We would need your help with both the set up and the clean up of our decorations for the concert. Contact Mrs. Gardner if you'd like to help! lgardner@cesd73.ca

Volunteers

We truly appreciate the help we get from our volunteers! We do ask that if you'd like to assist in the classroom that you **request to do so in advance** so that we can set up a time for you as well as plan jobs for your time with us to make this a worthwhile experience for all. Thank you for your cooperation!

Reminders...

Please double check that your child has a change of clothes in their backpack or locker for unexpected accidents or if they end up cold and wet after recess. Also, check to make sure that your child's indoor shoes are still fitting his or her feet. Remember that your child is only allowed to bring crazy carpets for sledding at recess (no other sleds or toboggans). We kindly ask that parents and caregivers allow their child to enter the school on their own at the north doors and then wait for them in the foyer or outside the north doors. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather with the expectation that they will be out for recess 3 times. This includes being able to dress themselves. PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING ITEMS with your child's name.

Thank you!

Thank You

The students and teachers “Thank you!” from the bottom of our hearts for your volunteer time. Your help in the classroom with craft prep and bulletin boards, reading and practicing skills with students, making playdough, connecting with the kids at centre times, being involved at swim lessons, and being part of the gingerbread making and baking has been greatly appreciated.

Also a HUGE thank you for all of your generosity at Christmas time. Your cards and gifts of crafts, homemade sweets and treats, mugs, teas, gift cards, ornaments, etc. were all greatly appreciated!
We are touched by your thoughtfulness.

Upcoming Events:

- **January 7th** - First day back from holidays
- **January 7th & 8th** - All about me quilt piece & All about my name projects due (see notes that were sent home with construction paper)
- **January 8th-15th** - Alien Inline (see schedule that was sent home)
- **January 10th** - Wear your favorite Jersey / sport shirt
- **January 30th** - Assembly
- **January 31st** - No School

K2 & K4 Library - Tuesdays

K1 & K3 Library - Wednesdays

Please read the January Message from Superintendent, Kurt Sacher by clicking on the following link (or copy and paste into your browser address bar):

<http://www.carstairs elementary.ca/view.php?action=object&id=88871&stream=Homepage%20News>