



December - Kindergarten Newsletter



K1 = Mrs. Nielsen K3/K4 = Mrs. Ell & Mr. Goutsis K2/K5 = Miss Reid

Monthly Goals

- ★ I can share about my holiday tradition
- ★ I can identify letters and their sounds
- ★ I can subitize numbers 0-5

Literacy - We will be sharing the story The Gingerbread Man and 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 this, your child can have fun with the following website: www.starfall.com. We will continue having the students use their journal 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.

Numeracy - We will work on the concept of subitizing. 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.

Social Studies - Watch for information being sent home 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 bring it to school to share with their class. Students will also fill out an information page about their name. Sharing will start in January.

Holiday Tradition Show & Share -

We would like to hear from our students about a holiday tradition that their family enjoys together. Examples: a favorite holiday food that your

family likes to eat every year, a place that your family visits, a favorite holiday game/activity, decorating together, and the list could go on. Mrs. Nielsen's holiday tradition is to make garland for her tree using a needle, thread, popcorn and cranberries. Mrs. Ell's holiday tradition is to give her kids a pair of pyjamas on Christmas Eve. Miss Reid's tradition is to go caroling on the 23rd!

For this 'Show & Share' your child could bring in an item or picture to represent their tradition. If you'd like, you could email a picture to your classroom teacher. Your child may just want to simply share their holiday tradition by talking about it.

M/W Girl's Show & Share: Monday, December 5

T/Th Girl's Show & Share: Tuesday, December 6

M/W Boy's Show & Share: Wednesday, December 7

T/Th Boy's Show & Share: Thursday, December 8

Cookie Decorating!

We will be decorating cookies! Here are the dates for the five K classes:

Ell K3 - Dec 21 Ell K4 - Dec 22

Reid K2 - Dec 21 Reid K5 - Dec 22

Nielsen K1 - Dec 23

On your child's decorating day please have your child bring a small container of decorating items (small candies, sprinkles, licorice, chocolate chips, etc.). No nuts please! Your child only needs to bring enough for their own two cookies. Remember that we **cannot** share food items. Please make sure that your child's name is on their container! Your child's teacher will be providing the cookies for the class.

**If one parent from each class would graciously bake sugar cookies for our kiddos to decorate in the shape of a gingerbread man, we would be so grateful. Please connect with your child's teacher through email.*

Winter weather...

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for 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 labeled 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 recesses.

Thank You

- Thank you for participating in Parent/Teacher Conferences. It was great to connect with families. Your support is felt and appreciated. As well, we are grateful for the donation of class books from our Book Fair. Thank you for your generosity.
- 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. Thanks for informing bus drivers and our office staff of changes too!
- Thank you for purchasing from the Scholastic book orders as they help teachers receive free books for their classrooms.
- Thank you for keeping your child at home when they are not feeling well.

Upcoming Events:

- **Dec 2 - M/W classes attend**
- **Dec 5 - Girl's Holiday tradition Show & Share**
- **Dec 6 - Girl's Holiday tradition Show & Share**
- **Dec 7 - Boy's Holiday tradition Show & Share**
- **Dec 8 - Boy's Holiday tradition Show & Share**
- **Dec 9 - No School**
- **Dec 16 - T/Th classes attends**
- **Dec 19 - Wear red, caroling (parents may sing with us)**

- Dec 20 - Wear **green**, caroling (parents may sing with us)
- Dec 21 - Wear a Christmas hat
- Dec 22 - Dress Christmassy, caroling (parents may sing with us)
- Dec 23 - Pyjama Day / M/W classes attend, caroling (parents may sing with us)
- Dec 21/22/23 - Cookie Decorating (see info above)
- Dec 24 - Christmas Break
- Jan 9 - Return to school
- Jan 13 - M/W classes attend

Our school staff has come up with a plan for grade level performances for the school year.

Kindergarten will have theirs on June 7/8. It will happen during school hours. This is a celebration of learning. Mark it in your calendars!

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



