

READ ALL ABOUT 2R IN DECEMBER



December, 2009

It was very nice to meet with families to reflect on your children's progress in term one. Thank you for goal setting with your children. We will be working very hard on our goals during term two. December is always a very busy time of year! Stay tuned for all that is happening in our class this month!

Home reading

I am impressed with all the keen readers in our Home Reading Program. The students are so proud when they complete their bookworms. Thanks to those parents who encourage their child to read; reading is a skill needed for life and it improves with practice. In grade two, we are focusing on building fluency and comprehension. I encourage students to continue to read over the busy holiday season.

Book Orders

Book orders are due on Friday, December 4th. Please send checks that are payable to Scholastic Canada.

Journals

Your child's Journal will be sent home on Tuesday, December 15th. Please read what your child wrote to you. Then respond to their journal and return it to school no later than Friday, December 18th.

Microwave

A microwave was donated to our class. So if you would like to, you can send a microwaveable lunch a few times a week that takes no longer than a minute.

Math

We are starting our third unit in math, "Addition and Subtraction to 18." Your child will be developing strategies for adding and subtracting 1- digit numbers. The learning goals in this unit are to: Develop and use mental math strategies to add and subtract two 1-digit numbers including zero. Look for patterns in digits when adding and subtracting. Understand and use the relationship between addition and subtraction; for example, $2+7=9$ and $9-7=2$. Find out if 2 sides of a number sentence are equal or not equal for example, $10=6+4$ and $3+6=10$. You can support your child's number operation skills at home by practicing basic fact flash cards at home. The Dollar stores in Spruce Grove carry addition and subtraction flash cards.

Joy Bag

On November 27th, I will be starting to send home the Joy bag to families. In the bag there will be a joy bag schedule. There will also be a schedule posted in the classroom. Each family will have two days to use the joy bag. Please make sure that you return the joy bag on or before the day that the next family is scheduled to take it home.

Advent

This month the students are going to be setting some Advent goals and working on good deeds. Ask your child about their goals and good deeds. I have also attached some religious activities that can be completed at home for each week of Advent.

Christmas Celebration

We will have a classroom celebration on December 18th from 12:30-3:00pm. Reanna, Ethan, Amari and James are responsible for providing nut- free snacks or drinks on this day. I will send home a note closer to the date so we can plan the party snacks. I would also like 2 parent volunteers to help with the party activities, please sign up on our calendar or write in your child's agenda if you are available.

Star Students

Please look at the attached calendar to see if you child's star student week is in December. Parents need to send in 5-10 photos which will be displayed with your child's poster. Your child also needs to bring in a show and share for each day.

Please contact me at anytime if you have any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful Advent and Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

God bless,

Trisha Rudiger