

Extra Extra Read All About It

1R December Newsletter

Be a detective and find the code word hidden in our newsletter, ask an adult to write the code word in your agenda!

Special Reminders!

- Dec 1st Field trip (**bring a bagged lunch, no school hot lunch on trip**)
- Check the attached schedule for your **Joy Bag** date
- Show and Tell Day is Dec 8th (**bring a show and tell item**)
- Grade 1 Senses Day is Dec 9th
- Grade 1 Craft Day is Dec 21st (**bring a medium size gift bag**)
- Grade 1 Party and PJ day is Dec 22nd (**bring a small special snack to share**)
- Grade 1 Family Potluck is Dec 23rd at 12:30pm (**bring your assigned food item**)

If you are leaving early for the holidays please let me know so I can give your child his/her gift early as well as provide homework if needed

BUSY MONTH! As you can see from the list above December is a busy month of fun filled activities. We will have our spelling tests on Fridays and words will go home the week before. We will still have our weekly Dolch booklets in class and word families reading words.

Dolch Flashcards Each family has received a set of 250 dolch flashcards that go with our 50 units of study this year. Please practice each unit as we do the unit in class by following the spelling words provided. Each week we will complete one or two units of words in class depending on the difficulty of the words and the amount of time in class we have. It is ok if you are not matched exactly to our words as extra practice before and after we study a dolch unit is beneficial for your child.

Field Trip Please be sure to send your child with snow pants and all winter gear. Be sure to have a bagged lunch as our school hot lunch will not arrive in time for us to take it with us. It will be sent home at the end of the day. All parent helpers who signed up are coming with us so please be ready to drive yourself to and from the event. It should be a great day filled with science, science, and more science!

Joy Bags Attached to this newsletter is our JOY BAG schedule and instructions. The Joy Bag is a wonderful opportunity for families to experience the joy of the season at home with their families. Please expect your child to bring home a medium sized gift bag on your date and please replenish the special yummy treat and return it to school the next school day. We have 2 bags and a very

tight schedule so please return it on time so the next family can enjoy. Adding a family photo is wonderful but do not feel it is necessary, your child can draw a picture and add it to the journal instead.

Show And Tell We are doing a special writing project with a show and share item. Please bring an item to school on Thursday Dec 8th. Be sure it can travel on the bus, is not alive (no animals please) and can sit with your child at his/her desk. Be cautious about bringing something that might break or get lost.

Grade 1 Senses Day! This will be a fun filled day were our students travel around to all the grade 1 rooms and participate in 25 different centers all focused on science! Each class will need 5 parent helpers to ensure each center runs smoothly. If you would like to help prepare your child talk about things we see, hear, taste, touch and smell as this will be our focus for the day.

Grade 1 Craft Day! This will be a lot of fun as all grade 1 students rotate through our 6 classrooms. Each classroom will have a unique craft project. In order to transport crafts from class to class and then home your child will need a medium sized gift bag with their name and 1R on it. Also we will be in need of parent helpers so keep your eye out for a special note going home.

Classroom PJ Party Our class will be having our season end party at the same time as other grade 1 classes. We will enjoy activities all morning and an afternoon movie with popcorn and snacks. If you can send in a small snack to share with a friend or two that would be appreciated. I will also be sending home gifts with students on this day.

Grade 1 Potluck! What a great opportunity for families to come to our gym and enjoy some good old fashioned cooking for the holidays. This is new to me but not new to our school and it has been a great success in the past. All grade 1 classes are responsible for bringing different food items. A note will go home for you to sign up, please pick something you can send in. Code word: Potluck! Please send your food item even if your family will not be joining us as your child will enjoy eating with us. There will be a sign up sheet for families who can help set up our lunch and take down as well. Students will eat a snack at lunch time, go outside for recess then join us for the potluck. We will eat as a grade level in the gym at 12:30 to socialize with our friends before we leave for the holidays!

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December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 27 1 st Sunday of Advent	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	1 Library	2 Spelling Test	3
4	5	6	7	8 Library Show and Tell Day!	9 Spelling Test Senses Day! 4 helpers needed	10
11 2 nd Sunday of Advent	12	13	14	15 Library Video Conference in class with a special Christmas guest	16 Spelling Test	17
18 3 rd Sunday of Advent	19	20	21 Craft Day 5 helpers needed Bring a gift bag	22 Library Party and PJ Day Bring a small snack to share with a friend	23 Spelling Test	24 Christmas Eve
25 4 th Sunday of Advent	26	27	28	29	30 Potluck lunch 12:30 Bring your assigned food item to the gym	31
Christmas Day						

Advent Joy Bag

Welcome to the Joy Bag! Advent is a time that we are preparing our homes and hearts for the birth of Jesus. The Joy Bag is an opportunity for the entire family to take a break from their busy holiday schedules and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Take a moment to go through the bag and carefully empty all the contents. You will need a table, pencil, and some crayons to complete the activity on the sheet.

1. Spread out the cloth and carefully pull out the Advent Wreath. Place the candles inside the evergreen wreath. Light the appropriate number of candle(s). First week of Advent – light one purple candle, second week of Advent – light two purple candles, third week of Advent – light two purple candles and one pink candle and the last week of Advent – light all the candles.
2. Place the Nativity ornament on the cloth. Find the current date in the Grace Upon Grace prayer book and share the reading, reflection and prayer of the day.
3. Read the Christmas story together. While you are reading, enjoy the snack that has been provided to you in the tin.
4. Please blow out the candles after the prayer and story have been read.
5. Take out the class journal. Have your child draw, color and write about what “Christmas means to your Family”.
6. Replenish the snacks in the tin (no nuts, please) and send the Joy Bag back to school the next day. We will share our journal entries with the class in the New Year.

Sincerely, Mrs. Reid

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Daniel	Jack	Josh	Derek	Owen	
	Clara	Kamryn	Mackenzie	Alicia	Carolyn	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Ethan	Nicholas	Gavin	Marcus	Ryder	
	Avery	Lydia	Alyssa	Ashley	Cheska	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Brady	Preston				Christmas Eve
	Jayden	Emily				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day						

