

READ ALL ABOUT 2D IN DECEMBER in



December, 2011

It was very nice to meet with families to reflect on your children's progress in term one. 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 Tuesday, December 6th. Please send checks that are payable to Scholastic Canada.

Journals

Your child's Journal will be sent home on Monday, December 12th. Please read what your child wrote to you. Then respond to their journal and return it to school no later than Friday, December 16th.

Math

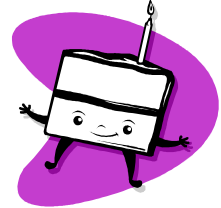
We will soon be starting our third unit in math, "Addition and Subtraction to 18." Your child will be developing strategies for adding and subtracting 1-digit numbers. The learning goals in this unit are to: Develop and use mental math strategies to add and subtract two 1-digit numbers including zero. 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.

Christmas Hamper

If you would like to donate food items, we will be collecting items from November 28 – December 13. There will be a box in our classroom. Please check the *Christmas Hamper Food List* that is attached.

December Birthdays

Happy birthday to Maia and Ella!



Joy Bag

On December 1st, 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 attached to the newsletter. Please make sure that you return the joy bag the next day so everyone gets a chance to take the joy bag 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.

Christmas Celebrations

All of the Grade Two students will circulate through various Christmas centers from 9-2 on Thursday, December 22nd. I will need 3 or 4 parents to volunteer that day. I will be sending home a letter in the next week. Please send your child with a Christmas Gift Bag so they can put all of their crafts in it.

We will have a classroom celebration/party on December 23rd from 12:30-3:00pm. Flavia, Ella, Tysean, Cecilia, Dylan and Ava are responsible for providing nut-free snacks or drinks on this day. Friday will also be a dress up day. Please send your child in what they would wear on Christmas morning (Pajama Day)☺

Please contact me at anytime if you have any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful Advent and Christmas.

God bless and Happy Holidays,

Joelle Daly