

Grade 1 December Review 2017

Thank-you:

- to the families who donated supplies to our classroom this month.
- to all the families who have been working with their child on their reading and numeracy skills. We can notice a big improvement.

This month we are sharing our **Favourite Thing that is Red** - students are asked to bring in one of their favourite items that are RED. This should not be something that you or they stress over - it's just another way to encourage oral communication in the classroom. Please refer to the calendar as to when it is your son/daughter's sharing day.

Math:

We have started our unit on 2D shapes. We are learning what they look like, their names, how many edges (sides) and vertices (point/corners) they have. A review sheet is attached to this newsletter. Please encourage students to review their shapes. They need to know the names of the shapes, how many sides and vertices (corners/points) are in each shape.

We will also be looking at area

At home:

- Continue to review counting by 2's to 100 and by 1's, 5's and 10's to 100
- Continue practicing writing and reading numbers to 100.
- Continue reviewing counting backwards from 20 by 1's, using a number line or number grid (not memorized)
- Playing card and board games, Bingo and some Dot-to-Dot's are fun ways to build on these skills

Language:

- The children have been learning to write letters. We have written letters to friends and to Santa/family. Our next letter will be to Ms. Ringhofer - persuading her to let us have a Class party.
- At home continue to have your child retell stories, TV shows and movies - beginning, middle, end
- Please continue to read for our Snuggle Up and Read Program. This may include Take Home Books which the children read and other books from the library and home which parents read aloud to the child. Each chapter in a chapter book counts as one book. Please continue to record these books in our Snuggle Up and Read Booklet. The goal is to try and read approx. 20 books/chapters a month.
- In their reading folders are some reading/decoding strategies sheets

We are always looking for gently used books to use in our classroom library. If you have any that you wish to donate to our classroom it would be appreciated and the students would enjoy them in our classroom.

Spelling:

Dec. 4 -8: she, so, them, these, then – 'en' rhyming family: Ben, den, hen, Jen, Ken, men, pen, ten, Bonus: when, Glen, Gwen

Dec 11 - 15: one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty

Dec 18 – 22: no spelling

Check out: Spelling City for some fun games with our Spelling words. In their spelling folders is a note on how to find the website and our spelling lists.

Art:

- Our classroom is beginning to look like Santa's Workshop!
- As we will be making extra crafts this month, the following supplies would be greatly appreciated: glitter glue, pompoms, foam shapes, sequences, garland, and ribbon. Please save the old **Home and family magazines** for us.

Change of Clothes:

An extra change of clothing is necessary for all of the children. Accidents do happen. It's amazing how mud puddles jump out at people or how pants and socks become soaked from playing in the snow! These clothes can be stored in a plastic bag with your child's name clearly marked on it. This will save us from having to call you at home or work if your child gets wet or has an accident.

I will be sending home their change of clothes and indoor shoes over the Christmas Break. Please check on the status of these items.

We are in need of some supplies: Kleenex and paper towels

Christmas Cheer

We are collecting non-perishable food and unwrapped toys for the school's Christmas Cheer. All items need to be in by Monday, December 18th, 2017.

We have set up a theme for each day in collecting items.

Please consider making a donation.

Fri. Dec. 1	Mon. Dec. 4	Tues. Dec 5	Wed. Dec. 6	Thurs. Dec. 7
coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice	canned fish, meat, soup, stews	cereal, oatmeal (boxed not bagged)	syrup & dry mixes	baby food items and toiletries
Fri. Dec. 8	Mon. Dec. 11	Tues. Dec. 12	Wed. Dec. 13	Thurs Dec. 14
jello, pudding, candy	pasta & pasta dinners, sauces (no glass please)	rice, side dishes (boxed not bagged)	canned fruit & veggies (including beans)	cookies & crackers (boxed not bagged)
Fri. Dec. 15	Mon. Dec. 18			
shampoo, soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes	unwrapped new toys & books			

The 10 Days of Holiday Countdown

Starting Dec. 1 we will be counting down the days until Holiday break. Each day we will be doing special activities which integrate music, art, drama, science, writing math phys-ed, media and reading with the holidays.

For some of these days the children are asked to bring supplies from home such as:

Dec. 11 - Bring your favourite stuff animal/toy

Dec. 12 - Craft Day

Dec. 13 - Hockey Day (wear your favourite hockey shirt/hat)

Dec. 14 - Open House (welcome to our classroom for some afternoon craft making and sharing. From 1:45 pm - 2:45pm)

Dec. 15 - Ugly Sweater Day; Polar Express Day

Dec. 18 - Snow Day (please wear snow pants, hats, mitts, boots - hopefully we will have some snow to do activities outdoors)

Dec. 19 - Game Board Day (bring your favourite game board to teach your friends how to play. No video games)

Dec. 20 - Gingerbread Day (we will doing activities making our own gingerbread cookies)

Dec. 21 - Wear Red/Green and your Bling Day!

Dec. 22 - Primary Dance; PJ Day

Class celebration (bring in some treats to share with classmates)

If you wish to contact me you can either reach me through the school number: 705-792-7766 or my email address at school is:

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Please check out our website. Go to: [//trw.scdsb.on.ca](http://trw.scdsb.on.ca) Click on Classes, click on Ms. Ringhofer. We have our calendar, newsletter, reading tips, and other information as to what is happening in our classroom.

I have also set up a Twitter Account: @twesmsr

Wishing you and your family a happy and safe holiday.
See you on January 8th, 2018!

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

