



Kinderchatter

December 2018

“Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

Last Month

Throughout November we learned all about dinosaurs and things of the past. We investigated some of the different dinosaurs God created, what they ate, and how they lived. The students really enjoyed this unit! Students created dinosaur fossils, recorded facts in their Dinosaur Research Booklet, made some beautiful artwork and engaged in a variety of creative activities as “junior palaeontologists”. Our math focus was on number quantity (more than/less than), sorting, and patterning. Students are growing in their ability to produce, recognize and identify various numbers in their own work.

This Month

Throughout December we will be learning all about **Advent and the Christmas Story**. Advent reminds us that Christmas, Jesus’ birthday, is coming very soon. It is a time of waiting and anticipation in celebration of our Saviour’s birth. Through this unit we hope each Kindergarten child will learn more about the birth of Christ and the true meaning of Advent.

In **Math** this month we will continue working with **comparing** items using words such as “less than”, “equal to”, and “greater than”. Students are continually amazing me with their ability to recognize number concepts in the world around them. We will continue our exploration of pattern by learning to identify and

name different kinds of patterns. **Writing numbers 8 & 9**, with proper formation, is another topic we will continue to cover.

We will continue our **Literacy Program**, learning the letters “ **S, I, and J**”. Please continue reviewing the following letters we have covered and their sounds: “**P, U, O, M, A, T, C, D, E, R** and **H**”. We will learn the sight words ‘**in**’, ‘**it**’, and ‘**is**’. **Rhyming words** and **blending sounds** is another area of focus we have this month, which will continue throughout the year. Many students are starting to develop in their capacity as writers and are becoming more confident in their journal, which is so exciting to see.

December’s “**BE-Attitude**” is ‘**Be a Servant Worker**’. **Servant-Working** is the through line we will be focusing on for the month of DECEMBER. In our students we strive to cultivate the desire and ability to offer hope, healing and restoration to this world and its people. We are to be Christ's salt and light. This means that our faith needs to be expressed in what we say and do. We all can help to heal brokenness and bring joy. Questions we will ask: Who are we supposed to help? Who is our neighbour? Who can we serve this Christmas?

We serve others as Christ served us.



SHARING: In December, students are invited to bring in their favourite Christmas ornament for sharing. Please help your child select their favourite Christmas ornament and help them practice saying a few simple sentences, such as “My favourite ornament is a _____. I like it because _____.”

The sharing schedule for December is

December 10th - Girls

December 17th - Boys

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Fridays in December

In December, KB has school on Friday, December 7th & Friday December 21st.



The Kindergarten class will be hosting a **Family Christmas Tea** on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 19th beginning at 2:45pm. Our short program will begin promptly at 2:50pm. Please plan on attending this event as the class is working hard to prepare something special. Cheryl Grant (our 'Room Mom') will be organizing some goodies and refreshments for this party, so watch for follow up information from her in this regard. We are looking forward to enjoying some food and fellowship together!



Skating Program

The Kindergarten classes will begin skating lessons at the **Optimist Arena** in January.

Our skating lessons schedule is as follows:

Monday, January 14th @10:30-11:30am

Wednesday, January 16th @10:30-11:30am

Monday, January 21st @10:30-11:30am

Wednesday, January 23rd @10:30-11:30am

The students will take a school bus from the school to the arena. We will be leaving from the school about 20 minutes prior to the start of the lesson, and returning shortly after the lesson has completed. The CCS skating program is for students of all levels. It is a wonderful opportunity for all the children to develop both their skating skills and relationships with students from the other kindergarten classes. This program is a part of the Physical Education Program for Alberta.

***We need your help!** We need volunteers from each class to help tie and untie skates each day before and after the lessons. In order to run this program we also need 6 **Volunteers on the ice** to lead the lessons and help those skaters who are very new to the activity. This volunteer opportunity will be posted on Sign Up Genius soon (on the CSS homepage) - so stay tuned!!

- Your child will need to have his or her own skates and a CSA approved helmet for this program (**No bicycle helmets allowed!**)
- The skates should have skate guards and/or a bag that they can be carried in. Please ensure that all skates have been recently sharpened (even new ones!)
- Each child **MUST** have gloves or mitts to protect their hands from the ice. Snow pants are **needed** for all students attending the program.
- If you are in need of a pair of skates for your child, please talk to me or contact the office as we are often able to borrow a pair from another family.

Important December Dates:

December 10th - Girls Sharing

December 17th - Boys Sharing

December 19th - Family Christmas Tea, 2:45-3:25pm

December 21st - last day before Christmas Break.
PAJAMA DAY!

January 7th - School Begins

I want to wish you all a joyous, relaxing, and blessed Christmas season! I am thankful for your kind generosity, faithful support and especially your prayers. Have a wonderful break and a blessed New Year!

In His Service, Nicole Bruins



© Can Stock Photo