



February 2019 Kinderchatter



The topic of study for February is “God’s Universe.” God’s awesome power and organization in the creation of His universe will be emphasized in this unit of study. This unit will show that God, the sustainer of the universe, created the universe with a distinct order. God provided a suitable place for humans to live, as well as created the sun for growth and warmth. We also have a fun field trip to the SpacePort planned!

Our Bible verse for February is from Genesis 1:16,

“God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars.”

Last Month ...

During January our class explored God’s Wonderful Winter. We grappled with questions such as: “Why did God create winter?” and “How do we enjoy God’s gift of winter?” and “How did God make some animals special to survive the winter?” We spent time creating winter art projects, went skating for gym class and continued examining the ways we see patterns and use numbers in the world around us. Students also dramatically re-enacted the story by Jan Brett called “The Mitten”. It was a huge highlight for students to be able to crawl into a *giant* mitten and play the roles of characters from the story!

This Month...

We will be exploring **Literacy** with many books and activities related to SPACE! We will continue to look at the beginning/middle/end of stories and we will practice retelling stories as well. We will see how new words can be made by substituting first, middle, and ending letters. The new letters we will be focusing on are G, X, and L. We will continue to focus on 1 sight word per week in effort to build our sight word repertoire. Please continue to review the new letter sounds and ask your child to show you the action that goes with each letter. The students are doing very well with this!

In **Math**, we will begin to practice subitizing (recognizing at a glance) groups of objects to 10. We will also continue to learn about and work with numbers up to 20 and deepen our study of addition. We will look at patterns that we see in numbers and begin to examine odd/even numbers. Students will demonstrate their abilities to “count on” and “count back”, beginning at any number from 1 – 10.



IMPORTANT NOTE Since we are now halfway through the year, we are asking that parents no longer accompany their children into the school in the morning. This is an important transitional step toward grade 1! The students are all very familiar and capable with the morning routine, and at this point all they need is practice to grow their independence. We ask that all parents and caregivers, starting on Monday, February 4th, say

goodbye outside the kindergarten doors and allow their children to enter the school independently. Thank you for supporting your child in this way!

FEBRUARY DATES:

Friday, February 1st – Kindergarten Report Cards emailed home

Wednesday, February 13th - Valentine’s Card exchange ↗

Friday, February 15th – Jersey Day, wear your favourite jersey!

Monday, February 18th - Family Day, NO SCHOOL

February 19th & 20th - NO SCHOOL

February 21st & 22nd - Teacher’s Convention, NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 25th – SpacePort Field Trip, 9:00am-2:00pm

February Fridays

KB has school on Friday, February 1st and Friday, February 15th.



A BIG *thank you* to all the parents who came out to help with the skating lessons! This program *could not* run successfully without you. It was amazing to see the progress and improvement each child made in just 4 lessons.



Report Cards

Kindergarten Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, February 1st. Kindergarten students receive 2 report cards during the year – one in February and the final one in June. If you do not receive this report card via email, let me know ASAP!

Please carefully review your child’s report card and, if you have any major questions or pressing concerns, feel free to contact me anytime. I am looking forward to meeting with all parents again during our second round of Parent/Teacher Conferences in March.

SPACEPORT FIELD TRIP

ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, WE WILL BE SPENDING THE DAY AT THE SPACE PORT, WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE CALGARY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. I AM ASKING FOR 3 PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO ACCOMPANY US ON THIS DAY.

PLEASE EMAIL ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US!

*Students are doing great with their “Citizen of the Day” projects. We love learning new things about our classmates that we didn’t know before! God made us all so special and unique.

If your child’s “Citizen of the Day” day is coming up in February, please return the ‘All About Me’ questionnaire (coming home in their Home Folder) on their day and send along some items for your child to share with the class (family/baby photos, medals, badges, artwork, etc) We also love when students share special skills with the class (ex. play a musical instrument, sing a song, dance, martial arts, etc)

Citizen of the Day – February Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat
					1 Declan	2
3	4 Charlotte	5	6 Joshua	7	8 No school	9
10	11 Thomas	12	13 Dominic	14	15 Jackson	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 *field trip	26	27 Naya	28		

WOW! We are now at the halfway point of your child’s first year of school. Time flies so fast! We are having such a wonderful time in KB this year. This class is such a pleasure to teach!

Blessings, Nicole Bruins



Valentine's Day



Valentine's Day is fast approaching and many children will want to exchange cards. We will provide the opportunity on Wednesday, February 13th for students to exchange Valentine cards.

Students are encouraged to bring valentines for everyone in their class. I have supplied a list of names.

Please note that bringing valentines to school is totally voluntary, but to avoid hurt feelings, I do ask that if you chose to send Valentines that you send one for every child.

Thank you!



**Tiene
Hope
Anya
Lucy
Darien
Daimon
Danny
Annebelle
Declan
Charlotte
Joshua
Jackson
Dominic
Thomas
Freya
Naya
Nate
Mrs. Bruins
Mrs. Halford
Mrs. Russell**