



Kinderchatter

December 2019

“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), subitizing (recognizing quantities at a glance), 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 continually amaze 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.



SHOW AND TELL: In December, students are invited to bring in their favourite Christmas ornament for show and tell. Please help your child select a 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 4th - Boys

December 11th - Girls

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Fridays in December

In December, KB has school on only one Friday- Friday, December 20th



The Kindergarten class will be hosting a **Family Christmas Tea** on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 18th 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. Sarah Stachiw (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!

Christmas Concert



*The Division 1 (kindergarten to grade 3) Christmas Concert will be presented at **Bethany Chapel Church (3333 Richardson Way SW)** on Tuesday, December 17th, 2019 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Students are expected to arrive at 6:15 p.m. when the doors open. Church or Christmas attire is appropriate.*

The children at CCS are excited about sharing their music with you. We hope their performances will bring joy to those who attend!

2019 CCS Skating Program

Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 classes will be participating in our annual skating program. The program will take place at **Optimist Arena**.

Kindergarten Dates:

January 13th 2:00-2:45pm

January 15th 2:30-3:15pm

January 20th 2:00-2:24pm

January 22nd 2:30-3:15pm



All students are required to bring:

- CSA approved helmet(no bicycle helmet)
- Skates(hockey or figure skates)
- Socks(long socks to stay warm and reduce friction on legs from skates)
- Gloves(either full mitts or hockey gloves) - Please no tiny finger mitts
- Dress in layers(snow pants are important when learning to help keep kids dry and add an extra layer of protection if they fall)
- Sturdy bag that holds all their equipment and closes/ties

INFORMATION FOR THOSE REQUIRING EQUIPMENT

If a child does not have a helmet or skates there are a couple options. There are stores around Calgary like [Play it Again](#) in Westhills that you can buy used equipment and the equipment would be yours. Or, you can see if we have equipment at the school that fits your child. If a child needs skates and/or a helmet, you should email the teacher and we will see if we have the equipment that fits. There will be a fitting in the week of December 16. The teacher will send the specifics when they reply to your request.

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 been 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!!

Important December Dates:

December 4th - Boys Sharing

December 6th - NO SCHOOL

December 11th - Girls Sharing

December 13th - NO SCHOOL for KB

December 17th - Division 1 Christmas Concert
@6:30pm

December 18th - Family Christmas Tea,
@2:45-3:25pm

December 20th - last day before Christmas Break.
PAJAMA DAY!

January 6th - 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



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