



Kinderchatter January 2020



Welcome to a new year!!

Last Month: Throughout December we focused on the gift of Jesus. We experienced the time of Advent and reflected on the true meaning of Christmas. Although the month was jam-packed, it went very well! The Christmas drawings and crafts, our Christmas Tea and concert, and fun activities (like decorating gingerbread cookies with our buddy class) were highlights of last month.

The topic of study for January is "Canadian Winter." Our Bible verse for the month is from Genesis 8:22, "As long as the earth remains, there will be springtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night." The goal of this unit is to instill in each child a sense of awe and wonder in God's unique design of our Canadian winter. This topic will enable us to increase our awareness and understanding of the natural world during winter and the ways in which people enjoy this season. They will also come to know how God created plants, animals and humans to adapt to the changes in seasons.

In math this month we will continue working with patterns and start to examine patterns we see in numbers. We will introduce the concept of "odd" and "even" and look at strategies to determine the difference between the two. We will begin to look at double digit numbers (up to 20) and we will also deepen our exploration of addition.

We will continue our Literacy Program, learning the letters **N, B, and F**. As we work on pre-reading skills, students will focus on identifying beginning and ending sounds of words and practice segmenting (separating the sounds in words) and blending. We will talk more specifically about the importance of vowels and work on reading and writing CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. We will continue working on identifying and creating rhyming words.

We have now learned 14 letters in class - just over half of the alphabet. Your child is expected to be able to name all of these letters as well as generate the corresponding sound and identify these letters' sounds in words. If your child struggles to do this, please ensure that you are regularly reviewing the flashcards and practicing these skills at home.



Home Reading Program

Our Kindergarten Home Reading Program is starting in January! Starting on January 13th, a new book will be sent home each school day. Please read the book to/with your child and return it to school on the next school day. Please use the 'Home Reading Log Sheet' to provide me with feedback so that this program can be as effective as possible.

Report Cards

Report cards will be emailed home on Friday, February 14th. We are close to the midpoint in the year and this report card will give you an indication about how your child is doing with the academic objectives of kindergarten. We will meet again in March for a second round of Parent/Teacher Conferences. As always though, if you have any immediate questions or concerns, feel free to email me!

Important Dates:

- January 13th: Skating from 2:00-2:45pm
- January 15th: Skating from 2:30-3:15pm
- January 20th: Skating from 2:00-2:45pm
- January 22nd: Skating from 2:30-3:15pm
- January 17th & 31st: School for KB (Fridays)
- January 10th & 24th: NO SCHOOL for KB (Fridays)
- January 27th: PD Day, NO SCHOOL



Citizen of the Day

We will be starting a new sharing activity that will highlight one student each day as our **Citizen of the Day**. On their day, each student will share some information about themselves (I will send home a questionnaire to complete) and bring some photos and/or few special items that reflect their interests, achievements or experiences. Some examples of things that can be shared are:

- a baby photo
- special awards or badges earned
- sports medals
- skills or talents (ie. musical instrument, martial arts)
- some words of another language that they speak
- symbols of cultural heritage (food, flag, artifact)



Please check the calendar below to see if your child's 'Citizen of the Day' day is in January.

January "Citizen of the Day" Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Ini	14	15 Bradie	16	17 Rylan	18
19	20 Faaiz	21	22 Joseph	23	24 NO SCHOOL for KB	25
26	27 PD DAY NO SCHOOL	28	29 Claire	30	31 Ewa	

I am looking forward to a great month! ☺
Blessings, Nicole Bruins