

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER (TT)

Mrs. Houghton's Kindergarten



Dear Parents,

December is here already and this will be a busy month in Kindergarten! It is the season of Advent and we will begin the countdown to Christmas. We are learning about the birth of Jesus and preparing our hearts for this special day. What a great time of celebration!

I am extremely impressed with the progress the children have made in our literacy program. They have really enjoyed the songs and actions we do when learning our letters and letter sounds. Thank you for your support at home! It is very exciting to see the students' success and, just as important, watch them have fun and socialize with new friends in class. We have begun spelling CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words such as hat, sun, and jet. We stretch out each sound and listen and record the sounds we hear.

In math, we will be reviewing and creating patterns by making a decorative Advent chain using a simple AB or ABC pattern. These paper chains will be sent home with the children and they can take off one loop each day starting **December 1st**. We will also begin to print numerals 0-10 using up/down, left/right orientation.

On **December 13th**, we will be decorating candy Christmas trees with our reading buddies. Our parent reps will be contacting parents to bring in some items that will be needed! Also, for that day, I am asking each student to bring in:

1 small bag of assorted candies for decorating (the trees are small so please keep that in mind)

December 18th is PYJAMA DAY!! The children are welcome to wear cozy pjs and bring their favourite stuffies on this day. We will be having hot chocolate and a little treat, as well.

Holiday Market:

On December 4th, students can "shop" for their family's Christmas gifts. All items will be sold for \$1.00 each. Please send shopping money (\$5 maximum) with your child that day to be able to participate. Donations of new and/or used gift bags and tissue paper (any occasion) are gratefully accepted. All proceeds will be donated to our local charities.

Christmas Craft Night:

This special event is December 13th from 6:00-7:30. All HFS families are welcome. There will be many crafts set up around the school, treats, photo booth and much more. Please join us!!

You are warmly invited to our Kindergarten Christmas concert on December 20th at 2:15 PM. The children will be singing Christmas carols and afterwards, we invite you all to have some treats and coffee/tea with our class. The children are welcome to dress in their "best" clothes for this special event. I hope to see everyone there.



Important Dates:

- December 4th: Holiday Market
December 13th: Candy Tree Decorating
Christmas Craft Night 6:00-7:30
December 18th: Pyjama Day
December 20th: Kindergarten Christmas Concert
2:15


Christmas holidays begin on December 22nd. Our class returns to school on January 8th, 2019. I wish you all a very safe and a very merry Christmas!

Blessings,
Mrs. Houghton



December 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday/Thursday Sharing: things that begin with M, D, G, O</p>						1
2	3 <i>(No school)</i>	4 <i>Holiday Market</i>	5	6	7	8
9	10 <i>(No school)</i>	11	12	13 <i>Candy trees</i> <i>(small bag of candy)</i> <i>Christmas Craft Night</i> <i>6:00</i>	14	15
16	17 <i>Early dismissal</i> <i>2:00</i>	18 <i>Pyjama Day</i>	19	20 <i>Christmas Concert</i> <i>2:15 PM</i>	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
Christmas Break: December 23rd - January 6th						