

January 2021 Newsletter
Grade 2R

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to learning even if it's not in our classroom right now! I hope everyone had a beautiful Christmas holiday with their families.

Language Arts

Reading: Please continue to encourage your children to read every night! Remember to ask them questions about their reading in order to help them to improve their comprehension skills.

Writing: We will be continuing to write in our Journals when we return on January 11. You can help with the Journal writing process by discussing some things they might like to write about in the evening before they go to sleep or in the morning before heading off to school. We write in our Journals every day, and this will give them a head start on what they might like to write about.

We will also begin to learn how to plan and write a story including the 3 main parts: beginning, middle and end. The children have already been learning about settings and character description. To help with this process of story building, an activity you could do at home while reading books is to ask your child to identify the beginning of the story, middle (problem) and end (solution).

Working with Words: We are continuing to focus on these in our writing each week at school but would love for you to extend the learning at home. If you have time, please work on **spelling** these words correctly within a sentence!

Jan. 4 - 8 - help, city, write, top, room (**practice spelling these words at home and putting them into sentences.**)

Jan. 11 - 15 - under, fast, hill, know, use

Jan. 18 - 22 - let, place, sleep, love, much

Jan. 25 - 29 - stay, name, new, paper, rain



Math: We are continuing our Unit on **Patterns**. Before Christmas we explored repeating patterns with a focus on the core of each pattern. Thank you for reviewing and practicing this during our week of online learning. (January 4-8) When we return to school, we'll be learning about increasing patterns.

Science: We are beginning our unit on **Hot and Cold Temperatures**. We will be reading and recording degrees Celsius on a thermometer. Some extra focus at home on reading daily temperatures would really help!

Social: We are continuing to discover more things about Meteghan, Nova Scotia. The students are very interested in this Eastern Canadian Acadian community!

Dressing for the Weather:

Just a reminder to please send your child to school properly dressed for the weather (coat, snow pants, mittens, toque, etc.)



Important Dates for January

January 4-8 - At Home Learning

January 11-15 - Friends of the Week - Austin and Jaxson

January 18 - 22 - Friend of the Week - Aubree

January 20 - Spirit Day - Dress for your future

January 25 - 28 - Friend of the Week - Julianna

January 29 - PD Day - NO SCHOOL

I am looking forward to watching your children learn and grow in this New Year! Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless,
Cathy Ratzlaff

