

December 2022 Newsletter

Grade 2R



Dear Parents,

The Christmas season is approaching quickly and there are many things in our classroom that we need to do before we embark on a quiet and much needed holiday with our families. Our curricular studies have been a bit tricky these last few weeks of November because of so many school absences. Many of our 2R classmates, school friends and teachers at HFS have been sick. Hopefully we will turn a corner soon on the circulation of all of the viruses.

Language Arts

Reading: A continued thank you to all of the terrific parents in 2R who are continuing to read every night with their children. They are becoming more fluent readers every day. Comprehension should continue to be a focus. As your child becomes a more fluent reader, please encourage them to add expression to their voice when they read orally.

Spelling Words: The following are the spelling words for the month of December. Thank you so much for practicing these with your child throughout the week.

Dec. 5 - 9 - home, note, rode, cute, cube, tube, come, blue, red, where

Dec. 12-16 - math, bath, thin, phone, graph, photo, jump, away, here, help

Dec. 19-23 - NO SPELLING THIS WEEK!

Math:

The children will soon be finishing their first numeracy unit and will begin to work on the second unit about Place Value. They will be focusing on ones, tens and hundreds place value in numbers to 1000.

Science:

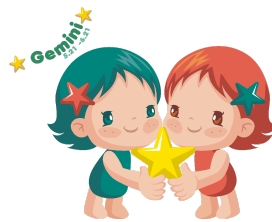
We are completing our unit on **Exploring Liquids**. When it is finished, we will begin our unit on **Hot and Cold Temperatures**. The students will be able to recognize the effects of heating and cooling and will be able to identify methods for heating and cooling.

Social Studies:

We are continuing to study the geography of Iqaluit Nunavut, Meteghan Nova Scotia and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The students are now learning about the climate in the Arctic, Atlantic and Prairie regions. They will be exploring the differences and similarities of the climate in each region.

Schoology

This is just a reminder to check Schoology for your child's progress whenever you can!



Friend of the Week:

Our Friend of the Week program is going very nicely. The children, who have been our "Friends" so far, have really enjoyed sharing pictures and treasures with the other children in our classroom. Thank you for helping your children to prepare their information when they are picked. 2R parents are TERRIFIC!!!



Movie on December 23:

The children can **wear their pajamas to school on December 23!** In the afternoon on **Friday December 23** our class will enjoy a movie together. Please send them to school in the morning with a **small bag of popped popcorn and a juice box**. Thank you so much!

Important Dates for December

December 2 - Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza

- **Spirit Day - All is Merry and Plaid (Wear plaid)**

December 5-9 - **Grace** is the Friend of the Week.

December 7 - Holiday Market - Students can bring some money to buy gifts for their family.

December 8 - Advent Mass at St. Mary's Church at 10:30 am.

December 9 - Hot Lunch - Taco Time

- **Spirit Day - Candy Cane Lane (Dress in red and white)**

December 12-16 - **Alexine** is the Friend of the Week.

December 15 - Advent Liturgy at our school at 10:45am

December 16 - Hot Lunch - Original Joe's

- **Spirit Day - Sweater Weather (Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater)**

December 21- **Spirit Day - Santa and his Helpers (Dress like Santa, an elf, reindeer, or tree)**

December 23 - Hot Lunch - Opa

December 23 - Christmas Movie in the afternoon

- **Wear pajamas**, bring **popped popcorn** and a **juice box**.

December 24 - January 8 - Christmas holidays!!

January 9 - Back to school!

December 9-13 - **Zyller** is the Friend of the Week.

I feel tremendously blessed to be teaching your children this year and to have such an incredibly supportive parent group. Thank you so much for sending your children to school each day well rested and eager to learn. From my family to yours, may you all have a very restful and blessed Christmas and a wonderful beginning to a new year!

God bless,
Mrs. Ratzlaff

