



Merry Christmas

Grade 3 December Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents,

Wow! We are heading into a busy and exciting month at school. There are many important events planned, so please take note of the dates and times.

A reminder to send your child to school with warm outer clothing (hats, mitts, scarves and toques) in the cold weather.

Christmas Carolling

I would like to extend a warm welcome to your families to go Christmas Carolling on Wednesday, December 14th at 7pm. I have done this many times in the past and I cannot express the joy it brings to the seniors. Please message me through Schoology if you are able to attend and how many people will be attending. Students must have an adult with them. The more the merrier!!! My dear friend, Joan, will be our accompaniment on the piano. Please join us if you can!



Please send a small gift bag to school ASAP for a special Christmas surprise!!!

Christmas Craft Night

Christmas Craft Night will take place on Dec. 8th from 6:00-7:30 pm. More details to follow.

Christmas Holidays

The last day of classes is December 23rd. We return from Christmas break on January 9th.



Advent Celebrations - All are Welcome!!

Week 2: Dec. 8 at 10:30am. (led by Father Mirek at St. Mary's Church)

Week 3: Dec. 15 at 10:45am (at HFS)

Disciples of Jesus

3D participated in two very important projects throughout November. We helped organize our Winter Sock Drive for Safe Harbour. We collected enough money to buy **980** pairs of socks. That is amazing! Thank you to all the grade 3s for arranging this service project.

Lights Out

Our class (3D) was very excited to create and participate in our "Lights Out" challenge. In supporting Theo and his family, we decided to bring a challenge to our school to turn out the lights in our classrooms when not in use. Theo's family was 1 of 5 across Canada to participate in the Live Net Zero Challenge (check it out online). We are very proud of Theo and his family for making a difference in our world and for being amazing role models! The winning class (1E) won \$100 to donate to their favourite charity. Theo's family donated the \$100 prize, as well as \$50 to 3D, to donate to their charity of choice. Thank you Richmond family!!!

December Dress-up Days:

Friday, December 2nd wear RED

Friday, December 9th wear RED and WHITE

Friday, December 16th wear a CHRISTMAS SWEATER

Friday, December 23 wear your PJs to school!

Holiday Market

We will once again be having our Holiday Market at HFS. We are collecting gently used toys, books, household items, etc at our school. On December 7th, students will be "shopping" for their family Christmas gifts from these items. All items will be selling for \$1 each. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be going to families in our community in need at Christmas, the Cancer Society and Saving Grace.

Home Reading Program

November Reading tickets are now due!

Great effort on your Reading Program during the months of October and November! For this short month the grade 3s are going to try something new and different for our home reading. Instead of bringing in reading tickets, we would like each student to try and read a variety of different genres. As your child reads from the writings listed on the attached sheet, please sign each section (last page). Try to fill all the sections by December 23rd. Read! Read! Read! We are sending home a printed copy and there is also one attached.



Language Arts

Our classroom focus in Language Arts for the upcoming month will be reading, spelling and writing. The students will continue to write complete and interesting sentences using clausal sentence starters, adjectives, adverbs and new vocabulary.



Math

Currently in grade 3, we are working on Time and Statistics. Please continue to practise telling time using an analog clock with your child. We are also discussing how we use data in our daily lives, how to take a survey and collect the information in an organized way.

Social

Next, in Social, we will begin learning about the country of Tunisia. We will be flying from Peru to Tunisia hopefully next week. I will send a message when we finalize the date. **Please send a special snack for your child on that day.** It is a really long flight!!!! We will be discussing the quality of life, rights and responsibilities, land and resources, customs/traditions and leadership within Tunisia. Our culminating project for this unit will be to create a Google Presentation on Tunisia. Fun!

Science

In Science we will begin the unit of Hearing and Sound. Students will learn about sound waves, how sound travels, the parts of the ear, ways to measure sounds and protecting our hearing from damage.

We wish you and your families a very blessed and safe Christmas Break!

May God bless all of you!

Mrs. Downey

Name: _____

December BINGO Reading

	R	E	A	D
A	CEREAL BOX A cereal box, including the list of ingredients	Greeting Cards The front and inside of five different greeting cards	Cozy reading Read with a cup of hot chocolate	Picture Book A picture book to someone younger than you
L	Comics One page of the Sunday comics or a graphic novel	Poetry Five poems from a book of children's poetry	News Article One article from the front page of a newspaper	In the dark Read a book to yourself in the dark with a flashlight
O	ONLINE Read a story online using an app like Epic!	Library Go to the public library to read!	Grocery Ad All text on a page of a grocery ad	Menu All the items and descriptions on a restaurant menu
U	Recipe A recipe from a recipe book or on the internet	REVERSE! Read a book backwards - start at the end and read to the beginning.	Family Reading Read with a loved one - grandma, grandpa, auntie, uncle, mom or dad!	Magazine An article from a magazine
D	Games! Read the instructions for how to play a board game	Owner's Manual Two pages of an owner's manual for a car, an electrical appliance, or a tool	Listen to Reading Have a parent or older sibling read to you. Are they adding expression in their voice to make the book more interesting?	Action! Read a story and then act it out with your family

Directions: Choose a box and read the text described in the box to an adult. When you're finished, have the adult sign in the box.