

January 2023 Newsletter  
Grade 2R

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope everyone had a restful Christmas holiday with their families.

**\*IMPORTANT - Criminal Record Check/Year End Field Trip**

The office sent out the important information regarding the new RCMP legislation for Criminal Record Checks and Vulnerable Sector Checks. Our year end field trip (in June) is already being planned and it is likely that we will need five parent volunteers from each of our classrooms. Since these volunteers will be taking a group of students and leading them away from the large group, a **Vulnerable Sector Check will be required**. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our office to receive the information required to apply for the **Vulnerable Sector Check**. It might take time so we are letting you know now!!

**Language Arts**

**Reading:** Our home reading program will begin again today. 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 every day during Daily 5. 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. This will give them a head start on what they might like to write about.

We will also begin in a week or so 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).



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

Jan. 9 - 13- shop, ship, fish, whale, wheel, which, make, yellow, two, play

Jan. 16-20 - chop, chip, lunch, hatch, catch, crutch, run, find, three, funny

Jan. 23-27 - neck, lock, duck, quick, quote, quiz, he, was, that, she

Jan. 31 - Feb.3 - block, plane, glass, frog, print, drum, on, they, but, at

**Math:** We are continuing our Unit on **Place Value**. The students are using manipulatives, identifying and writing numbers within a place value chart as well as learning the expanded form of numbers to 1000.

**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 explore and discover the Geographic unit in our three Canadian communities. We finished learning about the climates of these regions before Christmas. Now we will be focusing on how the communities were established and what the daily life for the people in these communities looks like.



### Important Dates for January

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

January 11 - Epiphany Mass at St. Mary's @ 10:30am

January 13 - Hot Lunch - Fresh Slice

January 16-20 - **Matteo** is the Friend of the Week.

January 18 - **Spirit Day - Winnie the pooh Day** - Wear red & yellow or dress as your favorite Winnie the Pooh character.

January 20 - Hot Lunch - Subway

January 23 - 27 - **Zian** is the Friend of the Week.

January 26 - **Spirit Day - Career Day** - Dress in your career of choice.

January 27 - Hot Lunch - BP's

- **Spirit Day - Family Literacy Day** - Wear a shirt you can read.

January 30 - **NO SCHOOL - PD Day**

January 31-Feb.3 - **Gabby** is the Friend of the Week.

February 3 - Hot Lunch - Taco Time

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

