



January 2012

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a wonderful break and are now ready to get back into the school routine! This term, the expectations for the students will increase, in order to ensure that they become independent workers for grade 2. Students are asked to remember to bring their Home Reading books back to school the next day and to always hand their homework in on time. As winter is officially upon us and cold weather is predicted, it is very important that each student comes to school dressed appropriately. This month students will be participating in the Vancouver Giants' "Read to Succeed" program, which promotes daily reading and physical activity. As long as students remember to record their books, they will be eligible to win prizes and maybe even hockey tickets!

Thank you for your continued support,
Ms. Anna Clarke

Reminders:



1. No seafood or nuts in lunches please.
2. Students are asked to bring their runners every Monday for lunchtime Daily Physical Activity.
3. Please sign student planners daily.



A peek at the upcoming curriculum...



Reading and Spelling

The expectation is that your child will spend approximately 5-10 minutes each night practicing their spelling words. As the year moves along, the words are getting a bit harder and it is so important that they practice writing them out each night. Additionally, students will continue to take home a book appropriate to their reading level every night. My hope is that students will develop their sight word vocabulary and fluency, but most important will develop their love for reading. Please remember to record each book in the Home Reading Log! This should be handed into me each time they've read and recorded 25 books.

Mathematics

In January, we will continue to work with numbers 1 - 100, identifying the number that comes before and after, counting by 10's from any given number (ex. 38, 48, 58 etc...) and doing addition and subtraction. We will learn about different strategies for performing addition and subtraction, including counting on and counting back, doubles and near doubles, and using 10 to add 9. Please continue to point out numbers and equations to your child daily!

Religion

This month the students will learn how to pray the *Angelus*. We will continue to pray every morning, lunchtime and afternoon, and concentrate on offering up special intentions for others. The students will continue to work from the Christ Our Life program and will deal with themes such as "Jesus Shows God's Love."

Theme Work

In January, we will be concentrating on Winter and Communities. If you are out walking with your child, please try to point out all the different places/people that make up a community (ex. homes, school, grocery store, banks, community centers, fire hall, police station, library etc.)