

# HAPPY NEW YEAR! HAPPY NEW YEAR!



2012

## **A NEW YEAR OF LEARNING**

Dear Parents

I am very excited to begin a new year of learning in grade 2. The students will be working on setting spiritual and learning goals for themselves and creating a plan of action for achieving their goals. They will be working on a science challenge as part of our school science fair and learning a bit about the scientific process. Scientists need to record their experiments accurately and with good descriptive detail, and our students will be learning how to do this.

During the month of January and over the next few weeks another focus in grade 2 will be child safety. This term our *Gift from God* program will be implemented. I will let you know about our upcoming meeting in late January or early February.

Students are reminded to keep practicing their addition/subtraction skills nightly along with their home reading. It is important that students continue to strengthen their computation and reading skills.

God Bless

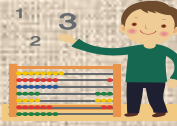
Mrs. DiFonzo

## Curriculum Focus for January 2012



### Religion

- They will begin to pray the Angelus
- They will learn about the difference between a sin and an accident and can give examples of each
- Students will recognize sin as a choice and use strategies to help them make good choices in a variety of situations
- They will recite the *Act Of Contrition*, and the *Apostles' Creed*



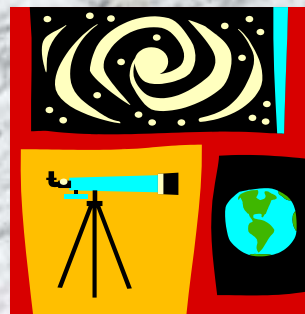
### Mathematics

- Students will focus on showing the meaning of place value for numbers to 100
- Students will solve simple word problems using pictures, equations and words. They will practice using the correct operation to solve a problem
- Students will practice adding and subtracting numbers to 100 using the strategies of counting on, counting back, doubles, near doubles or making 10



### Language Arts

- Students continue to read both at school and at home from a variety of *good fit books* building stamina
- Students will focus on buddy reading and checking for understanding when sharing books
- Read alouds this month include a number of Caldecott honour books as children learn to analyze and rate books



### Science

- Investigate changes to the property of matter when it is heated or cooled
- Investigate interactions of liquids and solids
- Observe and record investigations

### Social Studies

- Students will describe the purpose of money: How is money linked to world hunger; poverty and global waste? How can we be responsible citizens?

### French

- Students will identify favourite foods in French
- They will practice counting to 50
- They will recite the date in French