

Grade Four Newsletter

January 2012



Important Dates:

January

2nd - Holiday, No School
3rd - School opens, Japanese lunch, Milk
4th - 2:00 dismissal
5th - Pizza lunch
6th - 8:15 School Mass
10th - Japanese lunch
11th - 2:00 dismissal
12th - Pizza Lunch
13th - 8:15 Mass
17th - Japanese lunch
18th - 2:00 dismissal
19th - Pizza lunch
20th - 8:15 Mass
24th - Japanese lunch
25th - 2:00 dismissal
26th - Pizza lunch
27th - 8:15 Mass
31st - Japanese Lunch

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Welcome back from the joyous break in which we celebrated the Birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. As we begin this New Year, many new and exciting events are approaching. Students will be going snowshoeing in February, which will tie into what they have been learning in Science and Social Studies. Students will also be writing the Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA) during the period of January 16th - February 24th, which will assess their reading comprehension, writing and numeracy skills. Students have been preparing for this in class but if you need more information or would like to help them prepare at home you may see samples of the FSA by visiting the B.C. Ministry of Education Website: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/>

Thank you for all your generosity before the Christmas break. Term two will be a very busy time, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Miss Rances

Curriculum Focus:

Religion: We follow God's laws

Language Arts: Reading strategies, spelling, reading comprehension, writing skills

Mathematics: Mental math strategies, daily word problems, multiplication drills

Social Studies: Aboriginal culture - the Copper Inuit

Science: What is light?

French: Conjugating the verb *avoir*

Art: Pastel techniques