

# JANUARY

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful and healthy Christmas break. We both enjoyed time with our families!

## CURRICULUM LANGUAGE ARTS

We are starting a new unit in writing this month called ORGANIZATION. We are focusing on how to organize our thoughts using Bold Beginnings, Mighty Middles and Excellent Endings.

Alongside this unit, We're excited to say that we will be reading the novel *Eve of the Emperor Penguin*. Through this book we will expand our reading comprehension skills and learn a strategy called 'quick draw.'

**Monthly Home Reading:** Thank you for all you have been doing to make reading at home a priority. Remember that the students are now keeping track of their daily reading time and they are initialing it on their agenda calendars. This gives them ownership and helps them to be more responsible. (You may initial it as well if you'd also like to keep track of it.) If they meet their goal of reading 3 times a week for the month of January (starting on Jan. 6), they get a small reward. (stickers, a bookmark, etc.) This has been a fantastic motivator for the kids each month.

## MATH

January will be all about addition and subtraction. We will be learning different strategies and using assorted manipulatives to help us understand the concepts. We are talking about number sentences and number stories. We've noticed how these "number stories" show up in our everyday lives, and it's just one way that God is helping us be Order-Discoverers. We will also be studying 2D and 3D shapes in our Geometry unit.

At-home practice for addition and subtraction is especially important. A great online resource for this is ABCya.com. There are many games and activities on this site that are a fun way to practice basic math facts.

Another great thing to do is practice facts with flash cards. We have been practicing our Math Ninja skills doing quick math fact quizzes often. They are very excited about this Ninja Math program!!

## UNIT STUDIES (SCIENCE / SOCIAL)

We are beginning our Social Unit on Meteghan. We have been learning about this amazing community and how it is different, yet similar to our Alberta community. It's been fun to see how these Canadian towns are using their resources and talents to be Community-Builders.

## BIBLE

We will be God-Worshippers by continuing our study of WHO Jesus is and by learning more names of God based on New Testament bible stories.

The Bible memory verse for this will be: Matthew 5:43-44 **"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.** This also ties in with our **HEALTH** Unit as we are discussing how to be Image-Reflectors with everyone we meet.

Please see the attached calendar for important dates.

Thank you for all of your support and prayers over the past few months. We really appreciate your consistent effort as you work with your child on reading and math skills at home! *A special thank you for spoiling us with wonderful treats and gifts for Christmas!* We are looking forward to the adventures that await us in 2021!

Blessings,

JOANNE GALLEY & EBONY MATTER



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 ONLINE LEARNING!	5	6 Early Dismissal	7 Celebration	8	9
10	11 Back to SCHOOL!	12	13 Ian's birthday!	14 Celebration	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Celebration	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28 Celebration Virtual Grandparents' Day	29 PD Day No School	30

Looking Ahead to February:

3 - Early Dismissal

4-5 Teacher's Convention - No School

8-21 Virtual Scholastic Book Fair

15 Family Day

19 - Conferences (more Info TBA)

Virtual Celebration will be on Wednesdays