

JANUARY

Dear Parents,

What an odd start to this new year. Though I am incredibly grateful to each of you for all of your hard work for At-Home Learning this week, I am so excited to welcome back students into the classroom next week!

Our big theme this month is PENGUINS! We will learn all about penguins: their anatomy, where they live and what they eat. This theme will branch into several of our subject areas. Continue reading for more information!

Curriculum

Language Arts

I'm 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. Please set a new goal with your child for how much they will read in January, and, if possible, record it in their agenda.

Math

In addition to finishing our unit on Patterns, January (and February) will be all about addition and subtraction up to 18. We will be learning different strategies and using assorted manipulatives to help us understand the concepts.

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.

Unit Studies (Science / Social)

In Science this month, we will be looking at God's intricate world of temperature and how temperature is used in our everyday lives. Students will be participating in various activities that explore how insulators are used to keep things warm or cold. Please encourage your child to check the temperature each day, as this will help them become more familiar with reading a thermometer.

To tie in with our studies of Hot and Cold Temperatures, we will be doing some research on penguins, and other Antarctic and Arctic animals, identifying how God has created them to live in cold temperatures. Students will use books, the internet and a video for their research.

Social Studies will be all about learning about the diversity that can be found in Canada. We will be focusing in on the community of Meteghan in Nova Scotia.

Bible

“Who is Jesus?” This is the question we will ask ourselves as we continue to learn more about Jesus and what He preached.

The Bible memory verse for this will be: Isaiah 9:6b

“And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Quiz day will be Wednesday, February 3rd.

Odds and Ends

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Thursday, January 28th

This will be a virtual event for parents, grandparents and special friends of students to enjoy! Students from each class will share stories, poems, artwork and more to bless these amazing people in their lives.

A link will be posted on the day of the event.

Safety Protocols

Please know that I will continue to uphold the practices required to us by Black Gold. Lots of sanitizing hands and desk spaces and being mindful of shared surfaces/objects.

Though not mandatory, students are encouraged to wear masks when moving about the class and/or talking to classmates.

Thank you for all of your support and prayers over the past few months. I really appreciate your consistent effort as you work with your child on reading and math skills at home! I look forward to the adventures that await us in 2021!

Blessings to you,

Danielle Waloschuk

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!	2
3	4 At-Home Learning Sydney's Birthday!	5 >>>	6 >>> Early Dismissal	7 >>> Celebration	8 >>>	9
10 Summer's Birthday!	11	12	13	14 Celebration	15 Xander's Birthday	16
17	18	19	20	21 Celebration	22	23
24 ----- 31	25 Andreas' Birthday	26	27	28 Celebration Grandparents and Special Friends Day	29 PD Day NO SCHOOL	30

Looking Ahead to February:

- 3 Early Dismissal
- 3 Bible Memory
- 4-5 Teacher's Convention
- 15 Family Day
- 19 Student-Led Conferences