

December 2018 Kinderchatter

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

December is here! November was a fun and exciting month of learning more about who we are as God's children. Thank you to all who volunteered in the class- we all truly appreciate it!



Last Month

Throughout November we learned all about dinosaurs and things of the past. We learned about the different types of dinosaurs, what they ate, and how they lived. The students truly enjoyed this unit and shared their knowledge about it with the class. Students created dinosaur fossils, pastel drawings and engaged in a variety of creative activities as "junior paleontologists". We also focused a lot on numbers and patterns. Students are growing in their ability to produce, recognize and identify various numbers in their own work.

This Month

Throughout December we will be learning all about **Advent**. Advent reminds us that Christmas, Jesus' Birthday, is coming very soon. It is a time of excitement, waiting for our Savior to be born. We believe God sent His Son to earth as a special gift of love. Like the Wise Men who brought gifts to Him as tokens of their love, esteem and respect, as Christians we give to others in Jesus' name, rather than focusing upon the "getting" of gifts as the secular world demonstrates. Through this unit we hope each Kindergarten child will learn more about the birth of Christ and the true meaning of Advent.

In **Math** this month we will continue working with **comparing** items using words such as "less than", "same as", and "more than". We will start playing a math game called *guess that number*. Students have five tries to guess a number I have picked from one to 10; I tell them if their guess is too high, too low or just right. Students are continually amazing me with their ability to recognize number concepts in the world around them. **Writing numbers 0-9**, with proper formation, is another exciting topic we will continue to cover.

We will continue our **Literacy Program**, learning the letters "**H, J, S and I**". Please continue reviewing the following letters we have covered and their sounds: "**P, U, O, M, A, T, C, D, R and E**". Reviewing **rhyming words** and **blending sounds** is another area of focus we have this month, which will continue throughout the year. Many students are starting to develop in their capacity as writers and are becoming more confident in their *God Made Me a Writer* journal.



Skating Program

The Kindergarten classes will begin skating lessons at the **Optimist and George Blundun Arenas** beginning in January.

The *Learn to Skate* lessons will take place on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. (Jan 14, 16, 21, 23). Lessons are at 10:30-11:30 each morning. There are multiple skating levels that the lessons are geared toward. Last year it was a wonderful opportunity for all the children to develop both their skating skills and relationships with

students from the other kindergarten class. This program is a part of the Physical Education Program for Alberta. **Because this not on our regular school day, it is optional for you to have your child participate.** I will not be part of this program, however Mrs. Jonker and Mrs. Bruins, the Monday/Wednesday teachers, are happy to have your child join the class at the arena. **Please indicate to me if your child will be participating and your volunteer commitment by Thursday, December 20th.**

***We need your help!** We need volunteers from each class to help tie and untie skates each day before and after the lessons. **Volunteers on the ice are needed** to teach the lessons and help those skaters who are very new to the activity.

- Your child will need to have his or her own skates and a **hockey or snowboarding** helmet for this program! **(No bicycle helmets allowed)**
- The skates should have skate guards and/or a bag that they can be carried in. This will help to protect the seats on the bus from being torn up by the skate blades.
- Each child **MUST** have gloves or mitts to protect their hands from the ice. Snow pants are **needed** for all students attending the program.
- If you are in need of a pair of skates for your child, please talk to your child's teacher as we are often able to borrow a pair from another family.



Help Please

We need some help with some things that can be donated for FRIDAY DECEMBER 14th.

- 1) **Icing** that can be made for decorating cookies
- 2) If possible, please send a **small bag of mini candies** with your child to use for decorating the cookies (gumdrops, chocolate chips, raisings, etc).

Important Dates:

December 14th: Hat Day: Wear your favourite festive season headgear!

December 18th: Christmas Tea: Parents are invited to class from 2:45-3:30.

We will present a short program and enjoy food and fellowship together.

December 20th: Last day of school for KTT before the Christmas break

January 8th: School resumes for KTT

I want to wish you all a joyous, relaxing, and blessed Christmas season! I am thankful for your generosity, support, and especially your prayers. Have a wonderful break and a blessed New Year!

Blessings,

Cheri Groot ☺

KTT December Fridays:

- **December 14**

