



## January Kinderchatter 2019



Throughout December we focused on the Gift of Jesus. We experienced the time of Advent and reflected on the true meaning of Christmas. Although the month was jam-packed, it went very well! The Christmas drawings and crafts, our Christmas program and decorating cookies with our buddy class were highlights of last month. I would like to thank you for your many thoughtful cards and gifts. I enjoyed quite a few extra treats this past Christmas as a result of your generosity. I feel very blessed!

**The topic of study for this January is "Canadian Winter."** Our **Bible Verse** for the month is from Genesis 8:22, *"As long as the earth remains, there will be springtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night."* The goal of this unit is to instill in each child a sense of awe and wonder in God's unique design of our Canadian winter. This topic will enable us to increase our awareness and understanding of the natural world in winter and the ways in which people enjoy this season. They will also come to know how God created plants, animals and humans to adapt to the changes in seasons.

In **Math** this month we will continue working with patterns as well as **comparing** object groups using words such as "less than", "same as", and "more than". We will also continue to **write numbers 0-9**, with proper formation. We will focus on **number sequencing** and **measurement** through comparing the mass (weight) of various objects, using "heavier" and "lighter".

We will continue our **Literacy Program**, learning the letters "N, B and F". As we work on pre-reading skills, students will focus on beginning and ending sounds of words and practice **segmenting** - separating the sounds in words. Also, our Home Reading program starts this month. Please keep an eye out for more information in the home folders.

### Important Upcoming Dates:

**January 31:** Kindergarten Report Cards e-mailed home

**February 26:** Field Trip to Spaceport.

(I am in need of 2 parent volunteers for this trip. The first two to email me will be accepted.)



~ The volunteer schedule for January, February, and March is complete. You should have received an email copy. There are still a few dates open. Please let me know if you are available to help.



**Skating Program:** Please make sure that you child comes to the arena on the skating days with a **helmet and skates**. **Snow pants and mittens** are also needed on the ice for added protection. **Arrive at the arena at 10:15.** **Students will be on the ice starting at 10:30.** Also, please ensure you have filled out and handed in the consent form that was emailed to you. **Skating Days are January 14 and 16, 21 and 23.**

### **Sharing in the Classroom:**

This month we will be starting a new sharing activity that will highlight one student on Tuesdays as our **Star Student**. One their day, the student will bring some photos and a few special items that reflect their interests, achievements or experiences. A sheet will have been sent home one week in advance to be filled out with some information: place of birth, number of people in their family, favorite foods, activities, color, etc. If it is easier to email me the photos to share with the class, that is fine too. Every student will have a turn before the end of the school year.

**I am looking forward to a great month! ☺**

Blessings,

Cheri Groot