

Mon. Dec. 3rd, 2018

## St. Leo's School – Grade 1/2 Newsletter



*Dear God, as we prepare for the season of Christmas, we think about the birth of your only Son, Jesus. Help us to show love and kindness toward each other as we get ready to celebrate his birthday. As we choose gifts for our family and friends, we stop to say "Thank you God, for Jesus-your gift to us."*



### Looking Forward to the Start of a New Year!

*I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the grade 1/2 students on their successes so far this school year. The class has been working very hard on building their reading and comprehension skills as well as developing their writing. In the New Year, I hope the students will continue to put forth their best effort in all activities. I am looking forward to all the new learning opportunities 2019 will bring.*

*This month we will be focusing on the following curriculum areas:*

#### Language

*In Language, grades 1 and 2's will continue to work on developing our writing through our Writer's Workshop program. We will also be learning about parts of a letter and how to write a "friendly" letter. The students are just finishing up their letters to Santa and are looking forward to sharing them with you.*



*To help in developing comprehension, we will continue to work on retelling important events of a story using various graphic organizers (i.e. Go Map, Beginning, Middle and End). In phonics and word work,*

*we will continue to work on exploring compound words, rhyming word families as well as nouns, verbs and adjectives.*

*As we enter the season of Christmas, the students will also be working on various Christmas themed activities. We have just begun a unit study on *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*.*

### **Math**

*In math, we have begun our next unit on Time and Temperature. Both grade levels will be learning about the thermometer, the seasons and the calendar year. The Grade 1 students will be practicing time to the hour and half hour. The Grade 2 students will be learning time to the hour, half and quarter hour. We will also be continuing with our Number Talks and math centres to help build number sense and fluency in math.*

### **Science/Social Studies**

*In Social Studies the Grade 2 students have begun learning about Celebrations and Traditions. In this unit, the grade 2 students will be learning about special celebrations around the world and some of the traditions associated with them. As part of this unit, the students will also be completing an in-school project about some of their Christmas traditions. Part of this activity, will involve them completing an interview with an older family member to learn more about their traditions when they were younger. The interview activity was sent home last week and is due this Fri. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. The Grade 1 students will be learning about Rules and Responsibilities at home, school and in their community.*

### **Religion/Family Life**

*We will learning about the season of Advent and the Christmas Story.*

### **Just a few notes:**













- ❖ *On December 19<sup>th</sup>, St. Leo's School will be hosting a Christmas Social from 6-8 pm. Details to follow.*
- ❖ *To help build concepts in Math, the grade 1 and 2 students have begun an online math program called Dreambox. I have included your child's username and password, along with login instructions if you wish to do some additional practice at home.*
- ❖ *With the messy winter weather approaching, please ensure your child has indoor shoes to keep our school and classrooms neat and dry. Also, please make sure all outerwear, including mitts and hats are clearly labelled.*
- ❖ *Happy Birthday to Brodie (Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>).*

*The next few weeks will be a very busy and exciting time for everyone. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!*

*Partners In Education,  
Mrs. Walden*

Our Classroom Calendar for...  
Mrs. Walden- Grade 1/2

# DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 	3 Day 1	4 Day 2 Gym Pizza Day Library	5 Day 3	6 Day 4 Gym La Bottega	7 Day 5 Swiss Chalet *Grade 2- Family Interview Due	8 
9 	10 Day 1	11 Day 2 Gym Pizza Day Library *Advent Marian Celebration	12 Day 3	13 Day 4 Gym Subway	14 Day 5 Christmas Lunch 12:30-1:30	15 
16 	17 Day 1	18 Day 2 Gym Pizza Day Library	19 Day 3 Christmas Social 6-8pm	20 Day 4 Gym La Bottega	21 Day 5 Bar Burrito	22 
23 	24 *Christmas Break Begins	25 Christmas Day!	26	27	28	29 
30 	31 New Years Eve					

*Best wishes for a peaceful  
and joyous holiday season!*

**Special Reminders:**  
Fri. Dec. 7th- Grade 2 Family Interview Sheet  
on Christmas Traditions due.

**Upcoming Events:**  
Dec. 11th- Advent Marian Celebration in gym  
at 9 am.  
Dec. 14th- Christmas Lunch 12:30-1:30pm  
Dec. 19th - Christmas Social 6-8pm