

December News

**Mrs. Adamo
Grade 1 and 2**

Religion and Family Life

In Religion the students will celebrate the season of Advent. It is a time of waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus our Lord. In Family Life the students continue to read and discuss the uniqueness of each family and how in families we show love for each other.

Language

Reading: The students have been using "Shared Reading" poems and "Read Alouds" to help build their reading comprehension. We are working at understanding our understanding using the A.P.E. format (answer the question, prove it with a detail from the text and extend it to yourself or another book that you have read).

Word Study: The students will continue to review letter sounds and combinations. The grade 1's will be using weekly word families to practice blending sounds (ay and ed family of words) and the grade 2's will learn rules for long vowel sounds (e.g., long "a" sound is formed with "a" followed by a consonant and an "e", long "e" is formed by "ea" and "ee", long "i" is made by "ind" and "i" plus a consonant and an "e"). The students will also practice high frequency words.

Writing: The students are continuing to work on paragraph structures (title, topic sentence, supporting sentences and a closing sentence)

Reading Log: We will continue with the weekly Reading Log. The children can choose fiction or non-fiction when reviewing a book. In fiction, as a next step, students are encouraged to become more descriptive when telling about the setting.

Math: In Mathematics the students are learning about "Linear Measurement". They will measure using non-standard units, measure in centimetres and metres and measure the perimeter of shapes. Words to know: centimetre, distance, height, length, metre, perimeter and width. For extra practice parents/students can visit the "Nelson Math" website where you can find on line activities that correlate with the units being studied.

Science: The grade 2's have started their unit on "Solids and Liquids". The grade 1's have started "Energy in Our Lives".

Christmas Concert: The Christmas Concert is on Wednesday December 16, 2015. The students will be dressing as shepherds. They can wear their housecoats and use a small towel for a head covering.

Planner: Please sign the student planner each day. If you have any questions or concerns please write a note inside with a phone number and the best time of the day that you can be reached.

I wish you and your families a wonderful and joyous Christmas!

Mrs. Adamo