



Happy New Year!



Kindergarten Class:
Mrs. Valiant

January 2016

Important dates to remember



January 4:
Back to school!



January Birthdays

6 - Isabella



Gennaro



January
Hip Hop Dance Sessions

Classroom Update

Thank you!

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful break with their loved ones. Thank you to everyone for all support so far this year and thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts. I was very spoiled and your words meant a lot to me. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year for everyone!

Hip Hop

As part of our Physical Education Program, we are very fortunate to offer our students Hip Hop Dance Sessions twice a week over the next month. Our timeslots are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 - 10:30am. Stay tuned for details about the January 28th performance!

Cold Season and Tissue

As we are right in the middle of cold season, it would be much appreciated if you could send your child with a box of tissue to share in the classroom. We go through so many boxes with all of the sniffing noses!

Support at Home

Here are some things you can practice at home with your child:

In Math:

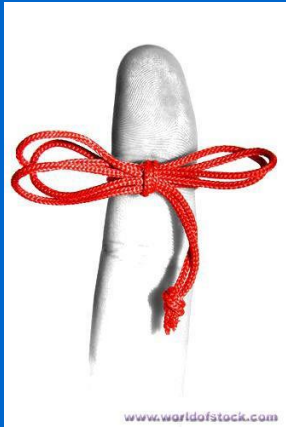
- rote counting by: 1 to 50, 2 to 20 and 5 and 10 to 100
- practice printing numbers from 0 to 10
- playing board games with numbers (e.g., Snakes and Ladders) to encourage number recognition between 0 and 20

In Reading and Writing:

- read stories, discuss stories, make up new endings, predict what is going to happen
- look for familiar words or letters in everyday environments (cereal boxes, shopping lists, street names, etc.)
- practice singing the alphabet
- use flash cards, repeat letter names and sounds
- practice printing first and last name using upper and lower case letters

This should not be considered as homework. It is important to keep this practice short and pleasurable where you and your child can explore, discover and play together.

Don't forget!



Students are reminded to bring in their completed Homework Calendar for the month of December. Keep up the good work!

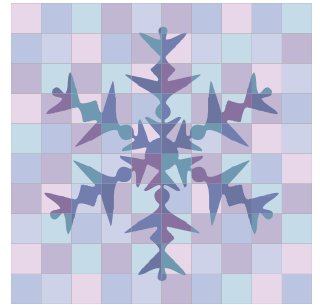


Go Glenmore Grizzlies!

January Theme:

Winter

Our vocabulary and activities will reflect this topic. Hopefully Mother Nature will choose to cooperate this month! (So far she is!) We will be creating a variety of snowmen and wintery scenes. We will be reading winter stories as well as learning a variety of poems relating to winter.



Math

We will learn to recognize the numbers up to 15, associate a quantity with those numbers and practice printing numbers to 10. We will also continue practicing counting by 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's and even backwards! Working with shapes and sorting objects by one attribute will be the focus of our numeracy centers.

Language Arts

We will continue with Writer's Workshop this month. In a nutshell, students will be asked to visualize something they would like to share with the class. They will then draw the picture they have created in their mind and as the year progresses they will begin to add words and then simple sentences to their drawings. It is a very fun process to watch! We will also continue to work with the alphabet but will really focus on the lower case letters (both in recognition, sound and printing).

Home Reading Program

This month we will be starting the Home Reading Program in which the students will bring home books to read with you. The students will start with alphabet books and short stories. In class, we discuss how we are detectives when we read and must look at the pictures to get clues about what we are reading. Please encourage your child to first look at the pictures and predict what the story will be about. In the Home Reading Duotang, you can review some other reading tips that you can use with your child. Happy Reading!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school: 250-870-5136, before or after school.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Valiant