

# December Newsletter-Junior Kindergarten

Dear Junior Kindergarten,

The winter season has arrived and our class is looking forward to all of the exciting activities ahead! Our class has enjoyed having so many parents in our classroom this past month. Thank you to those who have spent time with us and encouraged us through our activities. Your children are all making progress and I am very proud of them! We look forward to seeing more of you in the coming weeks.

## CURRICULUM FOCUS

Your children have been working hard to learn and review many of the alphabet letters and sounds we have learned so far this year. This month we will be beginning to memorize and learn to read our 'Lightning Bolt' words. Each Lightning Bolt word represents one of the SK Word Wall Words. Each time your child is able to recall five of these words independently they will receive a Lightning Bolt award. I am looking forward to watching your child succeed!

During our math time, we will be continuing to use number rhymes as a cue to help students learn to correctly form their numbers. Students tend to struggle with this skill and often reverse the direction of numbers; patience and practise will eventually rectify these mistakes. All attempts are to be celebrated!

Our focus this month will be 'Gingerbread'. Students will be given increased opportunities to create artistic pieces using their imagination and practise following directions. Giving your child time to use scissors, glue and crayons at home will allow your child to review and improve upon these skills.

## HOME CONNECTION

This past month, students have been asked to **MAKE CONNECTIONS** to the books we have read during class. Connections to the stories have included their own experiences, what the books have reminded them of, or a feeling that the story causes them to have. Students have become progressively better at engaging in the text and orally explaining what the story makes them think of. During your nightly reading time, please continue to spend time to **Make Connections** to the text.

## HOLIDAY CONCERT

Your child has been practising for this year's holiday concert. The concert will be on December 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be two performances. One at 1:45 p.m. and the next at 6:00 p.m. As a result there will be **NO MORNING CLASS** held on December 20<sup>th</sup>. **ALL** students will be asked to attend the afternoon program so that they are able to participate in the performance. For the performance, students will be asked to wear pajamas! The lyrics to the song and the chant we will be performing will be sent home so that your child can practise. Thank you for your flexibility and encouragement with this event. More information will be sent home.

## SNACKS

The school food and beverage policy requires us to promote healthier food choices in the school. Please do your part to send to **HEALTHY** snacks and lunches. Most importantly we are a **NUT FREE** school!!! Please check labels carefully.

**CHARACTER TRAIT:** Caring

With Appreciation, Mrs. Peters

Hannah is 5!

DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> -Ava is 5!