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| Issue 4:1 | | | Thursday, December 1, 2016 | |
| **Important Dates**  Nov. 28-Dec. 13-Christams Cheer Collection  Dec. 2-Patterning Test and Poinsettia Orders Due  Dec. 7-Grade 3 Science Activity Day  Dec. 9– Character Award Assembly @11:15, Growth & Changes in Plants Test, Western Day  Dec. 10-Colt’s Night  Dec. 12-Plant Research Projects Due (Google Slides and Presentation) and Poinsettia Pick-Up (3-6 p.m.)  Dec. 20-Gingerbread House Construction  Dec. 19, 21, 23-Carol Singing  Dec. 23-Holiday Cheer day | | December is always a busy month! The next few weeks should prove that statement correct. Your child will be participating in many fun filled activities, celebrations and will be working hard to cover curriculum that needs to be addressed before the break. Stay tuned for further information and agenda notes about specific school or classroom activities.  We would also like to wish you and your families “Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!” We hope you get a chance to relax, enjoy time with your loved ones and stay safe. We will see you in the new year.  - Mrs. Does, Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Maltby 8104885-cute-christmas-cartoon-elf-presenting[1] | | | |
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| **Language Arts**  We have wrapped up our focus on recount writing and have been practicing paragraph writing format. The next form of writing your child will be exploring is report writing. Remind your child to continue doing plant research at home and adding information to their jot notes page. Children can also work on completing their Google Slides presentation. It would be helpful if they practice their oral presentation of their Google Slides in front of an audience at home prior to ***December 12th***. Please refer to the rubrics attached to the Plant Research Project outline sent home in November for grading criteria. Your child has been given time at school to work on this project, but work will need to be done at home as well.  j0195384  In reading we have been focusing on main idea and supporting details. We hope that this will also transfer into your child’s writing. We have also been practicing the reading strategies of visualizing and predicting. We have been discussing both in our guided reading sessions and read. Just a reminder that your child should be reading nightly for approximately 20 minutes. Also, your child’s home reading bags and books should be returned daily to school and books exchanged regularly.  MC900445044[1] | | | **Math**  Our fourth unit of the year will be on number sense and numeration. The grade 3 students will be skip counting by 2’s, 5’s, 10’s and 25’s. They will be taught how to represent, compare and order numbers to 1000, and compute double digit addition and subtraction questions.  The grade 2 students will be working with numbers to 200. We will continue to practice adding and subtracting facts to 18.  Math_Clip_Art_(1)[1]  Throughout the week your child may also work on word problems using a 3 block format. Ask your child to explain what is expected in each block (WIK, PS, FA). Also, when your child brings home their Mad Minute pages and you see there are unanswered questions, please have them complete them for extra practice.  **Science**  Our first unit of the year, Growth and Changes in Plants, is almost complete. Your child is working on one last project. They are working on researching, creating a visual (Google Slides) and oral presentation and writing a report on a specific plant.  thermal_energy[1]  As a wrap-up to our science unit, we will be making spaghetti sauce on ***December 7th.*** Your child will only need to bring a drink and snacks that day! The grade 2 students will be included in this lunch!  spaghetti-carbohidratos-pastas-para-deportistas-recetas-calorias[1]  Our next unit will be on Energy and Forces Causing Movement.  The Grade 2 students will continue to study animals with Mr. Michie. I will begin the next science unit, Liquids and Solids, in the classroom. | | **Physical Educationvolleyball_0[1]**  Your child has been having fun learning many skills, especially ball skills with Ms. Hay. She has now moved onto a new unit of floor hockey. If your child has goalie pads and gloves and could bring them in for our unit on floor hockey, could you please let your teacher know? We would greatly appreciate it! Remind your child to come prepared with their team colour each time. We also expect many interruptions in the month of December. Please ensure your child is prepared and dressed appropriately for outdoor gym periods.  Boy%20Child%20Playing%20Hockey%20Clip%20Art[1]  **Gingerbread Houses**  Each child will be constructing a gingerbread house during the week of ***December 19th***. We are asking students to provide candy for these homes to be shared with the class. We would appreciate any nut free candy donations. Thank you.  gingerbread_house_clipart[1]  **Suggested Class Supplies/Donations**  Our classes are looking for donations of tissue boxes, paper towel and candies for our gingerbread houses. Thank you.  happy_face[1]  **Agendareminder-smiley-face[1]**  As you already know, your child is expected to write in their agenda daily. Please sign or initial that you have read the agenda message daily. We do the same each day so if there is something you need to communicate with us, this is the best way to do so. Thank you. | |
| **Please check out the grade three webpage on the Terry Fox E.S. website. Lots of updates and links to curriculum activities are provided.** | | | | | | |