



## KINDERGARTEN

### WEEKLY UPDATE: December 16th, 2016

Kindergarten students have been getting into the holiday spirit this week as we begin to prepare for our last week before the winter holidays. We enjoyed a wonderful assembly put on by Peterson house and began our last outreach project for the year called "Odd Sox". Please look around your house for socks that are missing their mate and donate them to the house bins in the upstairs hallway. All socks collected will be donated to the organization called "Odd Sox" to help the homeless.

**English:** The children worked diligently in their Daily 5 groups this week and worked on colouring a variety of Christmas pictures by following the sight word instructions. We also focused on the diagraph "th" and came up with all kinds of words that start with the "th" sound. On Friday the students had a fun writer's workshop called "I wear my Jacket in the Snow". The students worked on ordering events from a story and describing their own winter outfit.

**Gym:** The Kindergarten class enjoyed playing Frosty the Snowman, a team game which focuses on throwing and aiming skills. This week a new game called Pacman was also introduced which students really liked. I have seen great listening and cooperation skills this week from the Kinders, so way to go!

**Math:** The students began learning about Canadian money this week in Math. We talked about why money is important in our society and are learning to recognize the Canadian symbols on each coin. The students are working through their very own Canadian money colouring book and will begin playing a variety of shopping games using their coins next week.

**Science:** The students watched an interesting Magic School Bus video this week about sound waves. We learned that there are sound waves floating through the air that we can't even see! This is how the noise travels to our ears.

**Social Studies:** The students combined their knowledge of Canadian symbols to help them learn about their Canadian coins in math. They were so excited to recognize the beaver, maple leaf, and loon on our money. The children also learned about our national sport; hockey. We read a wonderful counting book all about hockey and learned some of the rules and key pieces of equipment that we need to play.

**French:** This week students learned some vocabulary related to the end of year festivities. They also made new posters for the French billboard.

#### **Art:**

The Kindergarten students created their snow people illustrations which will be displayed as part of a Lower School Holiday "quilt" altogether at the Holiday Showcase. Our quilt will be symbolic of how the school community can be like a blanket of warmth and safety and also represent how tightly stitched together our school community can be.

**Music:** In the past two weeks, the kindergarten class has been learning how to differentiate between rhythm and beat with great success. They are also learning note values and how to echo common, but increasingly difficult rhythmic patterns.

**Computers:** Students worked on typing exercises focusing on the bottom row of the keyboard with the focus on the letter z. JKs are actively working on letter recognition and completing the lessons in their entirety. SKs are practicing typing full words at the end of the period by playing typing speed games.

**Ask your child:** What sound does “th” make?

What is our national sport? What sort of things do you need to play it?

How does sound travel to our ears?

**What’s happening in Kindergarten Next week:**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Day 1	Day 2	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
<b>GYM CLOTHES</b>		<b>#1 Dress</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS CONCERT 7pm</b>	<b>GYM CLOTHES</b> <b>Library Day</b>	<b>HOLIDAY THEMED GRUB DAY!</b>  Last day of school! Classes resume Jan. 9th

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL INFO:**

- Please bring ensure that all of your child’s personal belongings from their lockers, shoe rack, and cubbies get cleared out on or before Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> so that they can be thoroughly cleaned over the holidays
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> will be a holiday themed grub day. We will be having a movie afternoon in the classroom and curling up with pillows, blankets, and popcorn to watch a holiday movie. Ms. Cardinal will be bringing in the supplies so no need to bring blankets from home.

**Athletic and Club Announcements:**

- Orff Club with Mr. Swinkin –Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> after school

**UPCOMING SIGNIFICANT DATES**

<b>Holiday Concert</b>	<i>Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 P.M.</i>
<b>Last day of Classes</b>	<i>Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup></i>
<b>Classes Resume</b>	<i>Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup></i>
<b>Spirit Week</b>	<i>January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup></i>
<b>Public Speaking Competition</b>	<i>Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup></i>
<b>Midterm Break – No classes</b>	<i>Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup></i>
<b>Midterm Break &amp; Family Day – No classes</b>	<i>Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup></i>
<b>Science Fair</b>	<i>Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup></i>
<b>Shakespeare Performance</b>	<i>Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup></i>
<b>March Break Begins</b>	<i>Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup></i>
<b>Classes Resume</b>	<i>Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup></i>

