

January 2016

WHAT'S GOING ON IN ROOM 12...

Welcome to the New Year!! I hope everyone had a restful holiday.

The new year has offered an opportunity for a fresh start and the students have had a great start back to school!

We are continuing our sound study program (Brille la chenille) in which we focus on a new weekly sound. Ask your child what the sound is and a new word they learned that contains that sound. This work is completed in their yellow duotang and you'll have noticed that they bring this duotang home on a Friday. This is homework for the weekend—usually just a picture of their favourite sentence- and your support in having them complete this homework is appreciated. If you need more information, please see the letter in the front of the yellow duotang or feel free to ask me. We will also shortly begin word sound check-ups where students will be responsible for learning specific words which contain our weekly sound.

In literacy, we will be learning about different animal names and continuing our work retelling stories. We have begun to look at the different parts of sentences (subject, action, object) and how we can use this information to create our own sentences. We are incorporating drama activities into our literacy work in order to take advantage of different opportunities to develop our oral language.

In math, we have been looking at measuring with non-standard units. To help your child at home, pick a small object like a toothpick and have your child estimate how many toothpicks long different objects would be. Then help them to check their estimates.

In P.E., we have started our Yoga unit. The students are doing a good job being reflective, focussed and serious throughout these exercises. We have been doing breathing and stretching exercises in class for the past month or more and they have worked well to refocus and direct the children's thoughts and energy, especially at transition times.

We have begun learning about healthy habits and will be focussing more on eating habits in the coming weeks. Have a conversation with your child about what kinds of things they can do for themselves to help them be healthy.

Jan. 27th is our Family Literacy Day. On this day, children are allowed to wear their pyjamas to school and parents are invited to come and read in our classroom. More information will be sent home shortly and I hope many of you will be able to participate.

That's it from us for now. I hope everyone is enjoying the real winter that has recently begun :) .

Mlle Mizzi

DAYS TO REMEMBER/REMINDERS:

- Library Day is on day 2 (right now that falls on a Friday, until the PD day, after which it will be on Monday)
- P.E. is on days 1, 2 and 4—please ensure proper footwear/clothing for these days
- Scholastic orders due **Jan 22nd**
- Snuggle up and Read Literacy Day is **Jan. 27th**
- **Jan. 29th** is a P.A. day; there is no school for children .