

Grade One/Two Newsletter

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Holy Family School

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The school year is moving ahead quickly! As February progresses, the students are being asked to take on more responsibilities, and be more responsible for their own learning. As well as academic subjects, we focus on developing those skills that will help them be a life-long learner, and good citizens. Simple things such as using manners with adults and peers can go a long way to making our classroom a kinder and more welcoming space.

Language

In Reading we continue to focus on skills for building strong story retells. After reading through a story, I begin by saying "How does the story start? What happens next?" We avoid more explicit prompting as we want students to relate the story without hints. Of course, continued work on quick recognition of Sight Words is important. In Writing, the students did some wonderful work with adding details to their writing pieces. We will now focus on getting our ideas in order, and remembering to keep adding details at the same time! Students are always reminded and encouraged to use their Word Wall words when doing any writing tasks.

Math

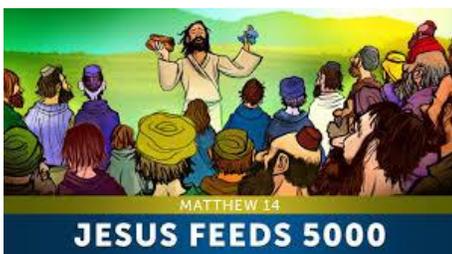
Our focus will be Geometry. We will examine the attributes of 2-dimensional shapes and 3-dimensional solids. Part of our investigations will require the students to find examples of these shapes and solids in the world around them. We will also use the 2-D shapes to build some pictures, and build some towers with 3-D solids! As always, daily Number Talks will build Number Sense skills, and we will focus on word questions, which involves determining what operation to perform, and answering in full and complete sentences.

Science

The Grade One students are beginning a unit on Energy In Our Lives. We will examine various sources of energy and also how we can conserve energy. The Scientist in the School program is booked for March on this topic. The Grade Two students will be examining Liquids and Solids and the characteristics of each. They will also have an opportunity to do an additional Scientist in the School program with Mrs. Rees' Grade 2/3 class on the topic of Air and Water.

Gym

We will work on balance moves, which require a strong body, a stable base and no moving body parts. Our first activities had the students walking across a narrow bench and jumping off and landing with a solid base. They really enjoyed this! The students will learn some standard balance poses such as a V-sit and a front plank, as well as have the opportunity to develop their own unique partner moves.



Religion

The focus will be on some of the most well-known Bible stories, such as Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand. These stories help the students know why Jesus was so loved when He was here with us on earth.

Pasta Dinner

Our Parent Council works extremely hard each year to present the Annual Pasta Dinner. This event is fun for families, features a great meal and Silent Auction, and has lots of activities for kids. The turf will be open for the kids to play on. Come and be part of our Holy Family community on **Saturday, April 25th at the Syl Apps Community Centre**. It is a great opportunity to meet other families and make connections. Hope to see you there!



Trip to Apps' Mill

On Tuesday February 18th we will be going to Apps' Mill for a day of outdoor education. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to be outdoors for a significant part of the day and expand their learning in different ways. The programs offered connect to our Science programs here at school. Students will be expected to dress appropriately for the weather and to pack a litterless lunch. More information will be coming soon. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering.

Valentine's Day

On Friday February 14th we will be engaging in a variety of fun Valentine's Day activities. Please remember that students may not bring food into the classroom to share. I have included a list of names for students to write their Valentines.



Mylah	Aubrey	Michael	Evan	Jaxon
Josh	Lydia	Jack	Brody	Morgan
Charlotte	Liam	Jax	Hudson	Julien
Zeke	Selena	Florence	Grace	Nixon
Miss Rowe				

First Reconciliation and First Communion

On Wednesday March 4th there will be an information meeting for all parents of Grade Two students who will be participating in the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church. Please note that all Grade Two students will do the preparation activities for Reconciliation and Communion even if they are not receiving the sacraments. For those looking ahead, First Communion in Sunday April 19th at 1:00 pm.

Ash Wednesday Mass

On Wednesday February 26th we will celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass here at school at 1:45. All families are welcome to join us.