



Mrs. Wilson

December

Here we are in December already Fa la la la la!!! We have another busy month ahead of us with a lot of classroom activities, including all the practicing that needs to get done for our Christmas concert performance. Before we know it, the New Year will be upon us. December is a busy month, not only at home but at school too!

Curriculum

In reading and oral communications, we have been working on listening to our Inner Conversation. That means, we are learning to think about the text in terms of our questions, comments and connections. We have read a variety of nonfiction pieces discussing not only the reading but also discussing the features of nonfiction and how they help us to understand what we are reading. Following our inner conversation helps us deepen our understanding of the text. The students have done a wonderful job during this unit asking insightful questions and making very relevant comments and connections. The students have commented on how their reading has changed now that they are thinking, reading, reacting and writing.

In writing, we are learning to write multiple paragraph reports. The students will choose an animal to research and complete a multiple paragraph report.

In math, we will finish our linear measurement unit and begin a unit on graphing. We will learn about collecting data and graphing it using bar, line and pictographs.

In social studies, we are just beginning our unit on Canada's Regions (Grade 4) and Ontario (Grade 3). We will discover the wonders, resources, physical features, people, culture, challenges and opportunities of Canada. In particular, during this unit, we will be reflecting on environmental stewardship and how we can use Earth's resources in a sustainable way. We will be examining many different types of maps throughout this unit. To help develop your child's mapping skills, consider the following activities:

- Create a sketch map of the route you take to school
- Look for maps together to plan a vacation or an outing in the community
- Together, locate places on a map that you and your family have travelled to

Christmas Season

Hat and Mitten Drive - The hat and mitten drive runs from December 5 to December 18. Please send in hats and mittens to put on our mitten tree in the front hall.

Toy and Food Drive - We are collecting toys for those less fortunate. Items will be picked up after our school's visit with Santa on December 13.

Christmas Concert - Once again the students at James Hillier will be presenting the best Christmas concert in town. The concert will be held on December 18, show times 9am (dress rehearsal, families are welcome), 2pm and 6:30pm.

Cookies with Santa

In celebration of our student participation in helping those in need, School Council has invited Santa to James Hillier on Friday, December 13th. Cookies will be served to all students and on the 13th, children may give their donations directly to Santa's helpers in the gym.

12 Days of Christmas

Let's have some fun counting down the days until the holidays! James Hillier presents The 12 Days of Christmas. The 12 Days calendar has already been sent home electronically. Each day we will be celebrating all this holiday season has to offer. Follow along and have some Christmas fun!!

Dates to Remember –

Dec. 13 – Milk and Cookies with Santa (bring a toy or food item)

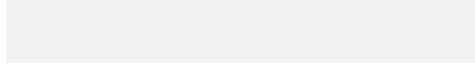
Dec. 5 – 20 – Twelve Days of Christmas

Dec. 18 – Christmas Concert

Dec. 23 – Jan. 3 - Christmas Break

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