



Dear Grade One Families,

It's true! We have started practicing for the Christmas Concert happening on December 18th. We are singing a song all about a missing snowman! Mrs. Coon sure gave us a great song this year!

If your child is a choir member, it has been past practice to wear a white shirt on concert day. (I'm still waiting on the official word on this, but I wanted to give a heads up to you. Keep your eye on the agenda for updates on this.)

Our concert day will have 3 performances. Morning, afternoon and evening. It's recommended to only come to one performance. We want everyone to be able to have a chance to get in the gym! Grandparents are welcome at the morning performance. The evening can get quite crowded and people are left standing. Please check each message from the office to get the latest about door-opening times.

On concert night, please accompany your child to our classroom at 6:15pm. (You may hang out in the gym before then, I believe.) A teacher will monitor and get the class back and forth to the gym for the performances. Please meet us back at the classroom after the concert for a secure pick-up. Please do not take your child from the gym or from our line in the hallway. The halls can get very crowded and scary for little ones, and I want to ensure that everyone is safe. If you are planning on coming to the afternoon performance – and your child will not coming to the evening performance, that's fine – just let me know. Thanks!

We are hard at work in Science, learning about how animals survive the winter in Canada. We'll be making a diorama about our favourite animal that we've been learning about. Thanks for sending in a shoe box for this! Mrs. Dalby was nice enough to order some pretty awesome plasticine for our projects.

Our graphing unit has started. Students are learning a lot about each other. We are practicing our tallying skills and our one-to-one matching skills. Colouring neatly is a must and we are looking at my examples of graphs to mark them together as a group. Sometimes Mrs. Metcalfe goes too fast and her graph is hard to read! We are learning that a graph has to be attractive and **easy to read**.

Our first Sight Word list has been assessed. Notes with results will pop home ASAP. Every single student showed growth, but some students will still need to practice a few words. Re-tests are welcome when they are ready to try again. Thanks for your help with this. Look for fun WOW words in your child's agenda for the next few weeks. (No spelling test attached. We will restart spelling tests in January with newer and tougher expectations.)

Info:

***Yes! We'll party on the 20th!**

***Yes! We'll continue with Paths for a bit into December.**

***Yes! Reading folders will stay at school over the break!**

Enjoy your upcoming time off of school. I know I will!

Mrs. Metcalfe 😊