



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays



# December Newsletter

## Lead Story Headline

**Tis the season:** The holidays are rapidly approaching and I am still not even close to being done my shopping. The past few months have moved very quickly and students seem to be enjoying the adventure. I appreciate all of the parents putting time aside to come and visit with me on Interview night. It was great putting faces to the names. If you ever have any questions please do not hesitate to call or write it in the agenda.

**Language**– This month the class will focus on Writing Forms. We

will be creating samples of descriptive, expository and persuasive writing.

**Math**– this month in math our focus will be on mental math strategies and addition and subtraction of large numbers. The goal is to teach strategies about estimating and having the students understand the “how muchness” of large numbers. This will then lead us into two digit by two digit multiplication.

There will be NO math calendar for this month. In the new year we will be exploring measure-

ment (length and time).

**Social Studies**– This month we will be wrapping up our unit on Government. We will be having a Class Prime Minister. We will be having speeches and voting, giving students the opportunity to take part in how Canada’s Democratic Right works.

**Science**– The next unit we will be tackling is Structures. The Gr. 5’s will analyse the forces that act on the mechanics of structures. The culminating task in this unit will be creating an Egg Protector. It could get messy.

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### Special points of interest:

- ☉ Dec 3rd and 4th Mistletoe Market
- ☉ Christmas Concert  
Monday Dec 10th 1:30pm  
Tuesday Dec 11th 9:30am and 6:30 pm
- ☉ Winter Lunch Dec 12th
- ☉ Jr Volleyball Dec 14th
- ☉ Christmas Hat Day Dec 17th
- ☉ Christmas Sock Day Dec 18th
- ☉ Christmas Sweater Day Dec 19th
- ☉ Red /Green Day Dec 20th
- ☉ Pizza day 7th,14th,21st

## Secondary Story

**Media Literacy**– During the month of December I like to read a lot of Christmas stories to the students. There are a few in particular I like to read and show the movie to help the students identify the purpose and the audience it is trying to reach. My favourites are The Grinch and The Polar Express.

### *Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year*

I hope all the families from Mr. McNeice’s Grade 5 class have a wonderful and very safe holiday. If the first few months of the year are a snap shot of what’s to come, it should be quite a fun ride. Happy Holidays Everybody and to all a great break. Yours truly Mr. McNeice

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