St. James Catholic School



January 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful, restful Christmas with your family. Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas concert! As we enter the year 2017, we have a couple of housekeeping items to share:

If you haven’t yet sent an extra change of clothing (including socks) for your child, please do so as soon as possible. It’s nice to have extra clothes just in case we have snack time spills, accidents, or wet clothing from being outside. Please send clothes in a labelled bag that will stay in your child’s cubby.

Please make sure your child comes to school with proper outdoor clothing each and every day. The weather can change by recess time, and the children will need snow pants, hats, and mittens every day.

Please remember to let us know either by note or by calling the school secretary if there is a change in your child’s regular pick up person or bus schedule.

Please remember to return ‘Mr. Zippy’ communication bags daily!

Please continue to encourage independence at home by having your child practice zippers, buttons, and putting on snow pants and boots.

Please label all clothing – some winter hats and mittens can look a lot alike and it greatly helps your child if the clothing is labelled!

We are continuing our study of the alphabet. Please continue to practice printing using proper pencil grasp when letter sheets come home, as well as reviewing learned sounds often. We will also be starting our Borrow-a-Book reading program – more information will be coming home soon!

Our next focus in math will be Measurement. We will be learning how to measure things around the classroom using different units of measurement (i.e., Popsicle sticks, footprints, etc.). Please help your child measure objects around your home, and encourage your child to describe their findings using terms such as shorter, longer, same as, etc. Please also help your child practice counting whenever possible!

In Science we will be exploring the season of winter and the ways in which the cold weather brings changes for people, animals, and plants.

We are looking forward to an exciting NEW YEAR with your child! Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Simpson & Sister Cristina