



January 2020 Newsletter



Happy New Year! We hope you all had a joyous Christmas break. Students were very excited this week to share their family experiences over the holidays!

In language, one of our foci in January is how to retell a story. In December, we practiced retelling stories, including the story of the Nativity. We will learn the terms "setting" and "character" and practice including these details in our retells. When reading with your child, you can ask them about the setting, character and problem in the story. A retell should also include important events in the story and how the problem is solved in the end.

Please continue to send in the blue folders every Friday so that we may update that week's shared reading selection. If you forget to send in the blue folder on Friday, the shared reading selection will be sent home in your child's zippy bag. If your child is in SK, please continue to participate in the home reading program. Your child's book will be changed each time it is recorded on the reading log and returned to school.

In math, we will continue to explore numbers 1-10 by representing numbers in a variety of ways and exploring computations to 10. We will also be exploring measurement throughout the month. Students will be challenged to select an attribute to measure, determine an appropriate non-standard unit of measure, and measure and compare two or more objects. They will investigate strategies and materials used when measuring with non-standard units of measure.

One of the four frames of the Kindergarten program is Belonging and Contributing. We will be exploring how we all belong to a group and community and how different groups/communities have different ways of being and working together. We will talk about people in our community and what they do. We will also work toward building an awareness of their surroundings, including places and buildings within our community, both natural and human made, and talk about their functions. If you would like share how you are part of our community, please let us know.

We will continue to enjoy visits from Baby Harlo this month. She is already 4 months old! We will learn all about Harlo's needs as an infant and all the ways she has grown since we last saw her earlier in December.

With the cold and wet weather upon us, we recommend that students have two pairs of mittens/gloves and socks at school in case a pair gets wet first break. Thank you for your continued support and we wish everyone a happy new year and all the best in 2020!

Mrs. Hartt & Ms. Roy